

# SUCCESS 4 ALL



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*Young People Learning From Each Other*

## S4A NEWSLETTER

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Welcome



### Champions Awards 2014

Longlisted | Social Value

**Success4All has been long-listed for the 2degrees Champions Awards 2014 under the Social Value Category!**

This category recognises and rewards the very best examples nationally of sustainable initiatives that reach out to local communities and positively impact in unique, exciting and truly engaging way.

We set the context for 2degrees, how we have got to where we are today and the results of running our learning hubs for seven

years, gave them a personal pitch of why we think we should we, and last but not least mentioned our stakeholders who have helped us along the way!

You can help us becoming short listed by voting for us on the 2degrees website: [www.2degreesnetwork.com](http://www.2degreesnetwork.com) > awards tab at the top > vote on the left hand side > social value link < scroll down until you find 'Learning HubSuccess4All Learning Hubs'.

Unfortunately, you'll need to register with 2degrees first before you can vote. However, you can easily unsubscribe after you receive the second e-mail.

#### Walker Statistics

We now have **216** Walker pupils registered Independent Study Hub (Room B0.21), an increase of 59 from last term! They are supported by 22 volunteers, an increase of 4 volunteers from last term. . So far this term the attendance remains high – on average **71 students attend the learning hubs per week**. This year we have also been supporting 8 students work towards their Portuguese GCSE, 1 with Russian GCSE, 1 A-Level Greek and 1 with their A-Level Polish.

**12** children and young people at Walker Technology College have now been awarded with **£5 Eldon Square vouchers** for their hard work and attendance.

# Clubs@Walker

This term our Japanese Club got to experience their first Japanese experience and a new club has been introduced – the Young Writers Club!

## A JAPANESE LIFE EXPERIENCE

4 young people and their parents, along with a member of staff and a volunteer had their first Japanese life experience.

Using the knowledge that they had gained in Japanese club that has been running this year they were able to order food for themselves and their parents, *in Japanese* in a traditional Japanese restaurant.

The club leader had also been teaching them about Japanese history and culture – so we decided to take them to watch Kodo 1 Earth, traditional Japanese drummers, at the Sage.

Clubs such as these enable children and young people to learn creatively. We were able to open up their minds to different cultures and offer them a life experience that goes beyond the classroom.

It was also very significant to us to make it an outing that the parents could take part in and get involved with as well. It was a pleasure to meet them, and they were all proud in the interest their children had in learning.

In May, those who have attended the Young Writers Club will enter a fantasy world at the Hancock museum. See > [www.twmuseums.org.uk](http://www.twmuseums.org.uk).

The Young Writers Club started recently on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March and will be running every Thursday from now until the end of year.

We believe that everyone has a story in them! And we are here to guide you to produce the most imaginative work. While improving your English skills, you will work towards creating something that you can show off at the end. As part of the Young Writers you will also take part in a group trip to a fantasy world!



### Coming up . . .

- Success4All has started planning **Summer School 2014**, which will run from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August** for the children who are transitioning from Y6 to Y7. Last year 155 children registered and we had a great turn out. It is important to keep the mind stimulated during the holidays. Also, it gives them a fun opportunity to get to know the school, staff and friends – making the transition to a large secondary school a little less scary! **We are currently looking for parents and students from Walker to help out - Please contact [caroline.afolabi@walker.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:caroline.afolabi@walker.newcastle.sch.uk) if you are interested.**
- Our volunteers are extremely important to us. We can offer them a Level 3 AQA accreditation, OCN accreditation, 50 hours VInspired National Award and/or a reference letter. If you would like to volunteer yourself, or know of any young volunteers in Sixth Form who would be perfect for the role and are looking for that extra experience to go towards their UCAS and job applications, then send them our way!

# Fundraising

If you would like to get involved with Success4All's fundraising events or have an event idea get in touch with [info@s4a.org.uk](mailto:info@s4a.org.uk).

## Newcastle Erasmus Society

Newcastle University's Erasmus Society has been great this term running different fundraising events to raise funds for Success4All.

The Erasmus society members are a mix of international students, language students and UK students from all degree disciplines. Sophie, a member of the Erasmus society approached S4A, as she believed the aims and goals of the society really matched ours; and she was right. Our communities are very diverse and we are keen to support children and young people gain and improve on their language skills.

So far they have run a bake sale and a Valentine speed dating night!



## Every Little Helps

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, some of our lovely Success4All volunteers hit the streets of Newcastle armed with collection buckets with the aim of raising funds to get all our Learning Hubs digitally connected.

Luckily the sun was beating down so the streets were brimming with brightly dressed shoppers, many willing to donate and others very interested to hear what Success4All is all about.

We hadn't done street collections before so thought it would be a good idea to give it a go and see whether they are worthwhile. And worthwhile they are as we raised £60 in one morning!

We would like to thank anyone who helped out or donated no matter how big or small their donation! We will be adding the funds to online learning programmes, tablets, and mobile Wi-Fi piggybank.

If you would like to donate to Success4All to add to our funds to get all our learning hubs digitally connected then you can do so through our website >

[www.s4a.org.uk/donation-information/](http://www.s4a.org.uk/donation-information/)

### In general....

In all our hubs, in the second half term we had a total number of **379** learners, between the ages of 8 and 18. Over the second half term, children and young people have visited us **1,061 times** and have been supported by **58 volunteers**.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Learning Hub is beginning after the Easter break in the Throckley. The Hub will be run by parents and community members. We will be introducing the children and young people of Throckley to the Young Writers Club which will run until the end of the school year – a fun and creative way to get to know each other!

# For the Community

Success4All works with children and young people in creative ways that can help the community. Recently we are getting involved with the community through . . .

## Music

Since February this year S4A and our friends GemArts have been running music workshops for our 11-17 year olds in the West End of Newcastle at Newcastle Apostolic Church and in the East End of Newcastle at Walker Technology College.

Musicians from the Sage have been bringing out the children's vocal, instrumental and DJ-ing talents and are helping them progress into further training over the year to put together a performance!

GemArts came to us after being successful with the Youth Music Fund as they knew the children & young people in our learning hubs would jump at the chance to be a part of this opportunity. The aim of the project was to develop the skills of local music leaders to meet the demands of culturally diverse communities, as well as using music as a creative intervention to address issues around community cohesion and social integration.



Over 18 months, GemArts are able to provide us with high quality music making opportunities to the culturally diverse communities in which S4A works. We are now in the middle of the sessions which are proving to be a success! So far the group of 16 musical youths have been testing the waters. The sessions have been full of instrument playing and singing, including group singing, covering popular songs and producing original songs. And we still have the performance at the end!



## Graphic Novels

Success4All's West End Young Digital Artists (WEYDA) recently produced a new community resource with the help from GemArts. They developed a graphic novel, using cartoon characters they had created in a previous project around their West End Heroes, about the dangers of loan sharks. The aim of the project which was funded by Barnardo's 'Just Ask Me' fund was to help build a stronger community by developing creative skills. After the launch a couple of weeks ago, the group of 11-17 year olds will be presenting their project to another S4A Learning Hub at Blakelaw Neighbourhood Centre on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 4:00 – 5:30pm. All are welcome and are invited to come and have a look!



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