

SUCCESS 4 ALL



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Young People Learning From Each Other

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Welcome

We are fast approaching the end of the academic year and we would like to share with you the life of our Learning Hubs.

Registrations are flying in for the Summer School and in just under 1 month potentially 200 new faces will be walking through the doors of Walker Technology College ready to start their journey.

We have had interest from staff as Subject Leaders and from the Walker Students as Young Volunteers to join us at the Summer School.

In addition to last year's Summer School some new subjects will be introduced this year; we have Spanish Textiles, Code Club, Build a Computer, Tennis Taster, Geo Exploration, the Drama Project, Health and Beauty and even Wii – competitions!



We can't wait for Summer School to begin, and we'll be keeping you updated on our blog (www.s4a.org.uk/blog) and twitter feed (@S4ALearningHubs)!



Awards Ceremony 2013 – 2014

Join us on Wednesday 16th July, 2:45 – 3:45 in the Dining Hall.

Refreshments will be served.

Walker Technology College Statistics

Over the year 2013 – 2014 Success4All have supported a total number of 242 learners since September 2013. The young people visited us 2160 times at an average of 62 times p/w and have been supported by volunteers 660 times at an average of 18 times p/w.

10 students took an additional language exam this year; 8 GCSE students and 2 A-Level students.

The Walker Technology College Award Ceremony acknowledges the attendance and efforts of those who come to the Learning Hub. Please try and join us to show your support and encouragement. The students will be receiving a certificate and this term, an additional 10 students will be receiving their Eldon Square vouchers to acknowledge their attendance.

Our Clubs

YOUNG WRITERS CLUB

This term, a Career Development Student studying English Literature at University was interested in running the Young Writers Club. The student was successful in applying for funding to run the club, and was granted £300 from O2 Think Big.

Please take your time to read snippets of these two wonderful stories, thoughtfully wrote by two EAL students who attend the Learning Hub on a regular basis.

A Lazy Boy

Once upon a time, there was a woman called Sarah. Sarah was pregnant at the age of 37. Day by day, day is moving, and Sarah's stomach was now big. One day Sarah was in the dining room eating, at the same time Sarah shouted and her husband was in the bedroom and he heard her voice and ran to her. He took her to the hospital, and then when they got there the doctor said she had to have an operation.

The husband was very sad because his wife was very ill and he couldn't do anything to help. The operation was going to be long, because there were lots of complications and blood. They were trying to save them both. Five hours later the doctor came back, he looked tired. He said to the husband that the wife and the baby were out of surgery and they were going to be okay.

Then he said, "Congratulations you are a father to a beautiful baby boy." The doctor said he could come and see the baby and the mother. When he went inside he saw his baby

and his wife, and he carried the baby and the baby looked like his dad. They packed their luggage and they went home.

And the next day was the ceremony of their baby. The day was the happiest day of his parents. The name of their baby was Harry. The day was happy. That day they drank, ate, danced, and they did everything that they always do in the ceremony for new babies. The next day Sarah was sick. Her husband took her to hospital. When they got to the hospital her husband got out of the car and he went and told the nurses that they should come and take her from the car.

The doctor checked her and he treated her and she got better. The doctor said to the nurse that she should go and call her husband and the nurse went to her husband and told him. He followed her, and on their way to the doctor's office her husband asked if she was okay and the nurse took him to the doctor's office. The doctor said "Have a seat". Then he said, "The work that she did yesterday was too much and she didn't rest"

"I'm very sorry but your wife must stay in hospital" said the doctor, and his wife slept in hospital but her husband went home. Next day her husband was preparing something special for his wife to eat. He could not stop worrying and he took the food to her. The doctor said "I have some very good news, that I will release your wife this afternoon!" When 2: 00 o'clock in the afternoon came, the doctor released them.

Harry was now 4 years old, and Harry had changed. He had black hair and his parents loved him. Harry would have his birthday and his parents would prepare his birthday gift,

and they would invite their neighbours and their children for Harry's party and some friends. Harry started school at 5. His parents had bought his clothes and shoes and some toys and his gift and the food that he would eat for lunch. The next day, Harry woke up early and went to the bathroom. When he had finished putting on his uniform, he went and took his breakfast. After his breakfast he had to go to school because he was late. He was running to school and he didn't look where he was going. He thought he had enough time, but the car was too fast. Harry was knocked down unconscious. Harry was left there as the driver ran away scared.

TO BE CONTINUED . . .

By Kasheef Olalekan

The World of Easter Eggs

In the world of Easter Eggs the ground is made out of clouds, the trees are made out of candy floss and the houses out of chocolate which is waterproof. There are only 114 inhabitants in the world. In the past month 20 stiglesses have gone missing. Stig thinks he can find the culprit with magnificent powers, nobody knows about his powers, everyone thinks he is an idiot.

One day Stig went into the flower forest and saw a trap door. He opened it and saw a ladder, he decided to climb down the ladder. He felt scared because underneath him was a sewage department as he went further down he realized that it was actually a person's house. When he reached the floor he saw a huge screen with loads of colourful buttons and a high chair. There was a blue door, Stig opened the door which led to a corridor. One room was a bedroom which had a gigantic bed.

Suddenly the door opened a person came inside, Stig quickly hid behind the door, the person was actually disguised. He soon found out that he was Mr. Pinkbottom, the worst villain in the World.

Stig secretly sneaked out of the secret lair and went home. The next day he got some weapons and shields to protect him. He went back to the secret lair and went in to Mr. Pinkbottoms bedroom. He suddenly saw some guards but it was too late the guards saw him. Stig quickly got a rope from his backpack and tied them and put them in a corner. Suddenly, a siren sounded, he quickly hid in a storage room.

Then he quickly climbed up a cooling system, it was cramped and creepy. He suddenly saw Mr. Pinkbottom. Then he suddenly heard a creaking noise, he fell on a fox into the room where Mr. Pinkbottom was. He speedily got a handcuff and tied him up then he got a tranquilizer and shot him, he was paralyzed. Stig then searched for the stiglesses that had gone missing. When he found them he was so happy and took them home to have a lovely life.

By Abhishek Pulla (Blakelaw Learning Hub)

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who voted for Success4All to be shortlisted for the 2degrees Champions Awards 2014 for Social Value. We will be attending the Awards Ceremony at Wembley Stadium in London, with the chance to go home with an award. It will also be a fantastic opportunity to network and hopefully start new and interesting relationships with other organisations. Wish us luck!

Spanish Textiles

As part of the Real Translation Project in partnership with Newcastle University, language students from Newcastle University and students from the Learning Hub at Walker Technology College began their Spanish Textiles Project.



So far, they have worked together to make a Spanish-English glossary and phrase book for students of Textiles. The students of Walker Technology participating in the project had the opportunity to visit Newcastle University, and spoke in front of a large audience in a lecture room about the project!

Stage two of the project is taking place during summer school, where the group will be running a textiles workshop for 11 year olds, making a textiles product with Spanish instructions.

The club gives the opportunity for young people of Walker who may be excluded from learning a foreign language a chance to do something practical linked purposefully to their vocational study and explores new ways of learning.



Other Clubs . . .

- Our WEYDA group became a Young Enterprise after selling 50 limited edition comics they produced and are now making another documentary about being 'Young, Religious and Judged'. So far, the young people of WEYDA have put together a crowd funding video, which they filmed and edited themselves (<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/Young-Religious-and-Judged-Documentary/>). They had their first big meet on Sunday 22nd June, where leaders and young people from all religious backgrounds gathered together, and for the WEYDA group to talk about their project.
- For the past 6 weeks GemArts have worked in partnership with Success4All to deliver a high quality arts project with young people from our Millin Centre Learning Hub. As religious buildings are important to their community the group met every Saturday to produce 2 silk painted banners and a mosaic style art work depicting imagery related to places of worship and cultural symbols that ended last Saturday with an awards ceremony and mini Art Gallery. For more information read our blog at <http://www.s4a.org.uk/community-crafts/>.
- The German Club that had been running all year at our Bentinck Learning Hub recently came to an end. The children and young people showed off their knowledge and German language skills with a presentation about who they are, what they like, their family and their favourite football team. For more information read our blog at <http://www.s4a.org.uk/deutsch-verein/>.
- Our first session started at our 7th Learning Hub at Throckley Community Hall on 11 June. So far we have had 3 sessions, 24 Learner's registrations and 4 Sixth Form Students from Walbottle Campus interested in volunteering as Peer Tutors. The Learning Hub will run until 23 July and will hopefully continue in September.

Fundraising

Secret Ball

This year a Career Development student from Newcastle University volunteered in an event and fundraising role and organised Success4All's first big fundraising event that raised £540 for our 2014/15 aim to get all of our Learning Hubs digitally connected.

We have had a strong link with Newcastle University since the beginning - they supported us with our first ever 7 volunteers - and we continue to get a high proportion of volunteers from Newcastle University.

The idea behind the Secret Ball was stolen from a company in London who arrange secret dinner parties in unknown places around London. To us the idea was novel and exciting so we decided to make our own version in ball form. 1 hour before the event started, guests were finally told the location - the Royal Station Hotel. Everyone turned up dressed to impress, filling up the Grand Room with its shabby chic decorations. We enjoyed music and dancing and a Sunday roast served à la Geordie style. The rest of the night we played dress up in the photo booth and played games like children competing for the shabby chic prizes.



Green Festival

Success4All had the delight of attending the Green Festival in Leazers Park after pitching ourselves a free stall. Besides the major down pours on the first day and the mud bath that followed, the festival was a great turn out. We met a lot of lovely people who were very excited by our cause, some teachers and even a couple of lawyers!



Rolling with the 'green' theme we decided to get the kids exercising their green fingers. They got stuck into potting plants into recycled jam jars for us to sell at the festival. The plants went down a treat, helping us raise £87 towards getting all Success4All Learning Hubs digitally connected!

We were even joined by two of the members of the WEYDA group, who turned out to be champion sellers and were evidently our best sales people! We also launched our first Quiz at the festival, where those who entered are put into a draw for the chance to win a tablet! We had individuals of all ages working out their sums and racking their brains for the answers. All in all, we had a lovely weekend at the Green Festival and are very keen to attend next year!



Community

Regional Winner of the North East

We encourage the young people of our Learning Hubs to become Peer Tutors/befrienders. The opportunity allows them to gain an AQA Level 3 accreditation in Peer Tutoring and Befriending and get experience at an early age.



This year, we nominated one of our volunteers for the Best Young Volunteer vInspired Awards. Olivia, who is excellent at engaging the children in the Learning Hub in Blakelaw, was awarded the Regional Best Young Volunteer of the North East and was invited alongside the rest of the award winners to London for a day to enjoy the best live music. Our motto is 'Young People Learning from Each Other' and Olivia proves the theory right!



Thank you!

We would also like to thank Walker Technology College for supporting us for another year, to the staff who work with us to offer extra tutoring and mentoring support to those who need it, and last but not least thank you to all of the young people who attend the Learning Hub – it is their commitment to learning and their determination to do well that gives us a role in the school.

Volunteer Week

Volunteer week is a national celebration that runs every year during the first week of June and aims to recognise the selfless service of countless volunteers.

Success4All started the celebrations early the weekend leading into volunteer week. Volunteers were invited to take part in Success4All's AGM and gathered together for food and a bowling tournament!



Following that, S4A joined the Hands Across the Bridge event - a sea of 200 red people from other voluntary organisations who joined hands across the millennium bridge.

It was a brilliant thing to be a part of and it is so important to recognise the time and effort volunteers put into supporting their local communities.



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