

SUCCESS 4 ALL



LEARNING HUBS®
Young People Learning From Each Other

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Welcome

This half term we entered our 9th year providing study support after-school in an attempt to narrow the attainment gap in deprived areas.

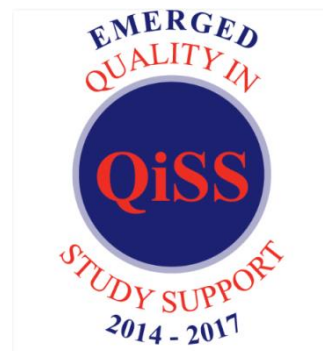
Looking back over the 8 years, we have not only grown in quantity, but we now have the mark to show we have developed in quality.

Towards the end of the last academic year, Success4All went through a self-evaluative process with Canterbury Christ Church University to gain recognition in Quality in Study Support at Emerged Level.

We chose to go through the process as the University believes in 'Raising achievement by enhancing the quality of learning outside the normal school day'. As their beliefs matched ours, we wanted to not only prove that our work is

of high quality, but to evaluate what we have done over the years, in order to keep progressing in terms of the quality of the services that we offer.

We believe that high level quality support can really help improve the grades of those who may be struggling in mainstream education.



Look out for the QISS logo on our website and promotional material!

LEARNING HUBS

We have continued to run 7 Learning Hubs in the academic year 2014-15. Over this term (12 teaching weeks) we have supported a total number of 329 learners that have registered with us. The young people have visited a total of 2001 times over the course of this year at an average of 167 times per week.

This term 86 new volunteers were registered and trained to become tutors in our Learning Hubs and 19 volunteers returned from last year, that's 105 tutors in total who have volunteered this year. The tutees have been supported by volunteers 950 times at an average of 79 times per week. Our volunteers come from various stages in life and all together have a wide range of skills, knowledge and expertise. We currently have 25 volunteers from college/sixth form, 58 university students, 5 graduates and 15 mature students!

Our Learning Hubs

We want to congratulate all our **329** tutees who started this term by investing in their own learning. We especially say 'Well Done' to those who successfully passed their GCSE and A-Level exams and have now moved on. We're happy to see that those who stayed locale, have become tutors in our Hubs! All of our parents at the Throckley Learning Hub reported that their children had improved in their school work just after 5 months of starting up the Hub! Below is a success story of a family that attends one of the Learning Hubs in the West End.

AIMING4ACHIEVEMENT

The Hussain family have been with us for over a year and they've been working hard! Saaliha, the younger of the two was selected to appear on Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway show by her school teachers because of her outstanding achievements at school. For two days, she was on stage with the stars as they played 'Are you Smarter than a 12 Year Old'. She even had to guide Ant and Dec to the right answers! Saaliha had a great time and we are so proud of all her!

Saaliha wasn't the only star in her family, her brother Hamza also came back this academic year with the news that he had moved up 2 level sets at school, which is a massive jump! He worked very hard last year in school, at home and in the Learning Hub. He received his achievement award at Newcastle University, with the family proudly watching from the audience. As an award for his work he was given a £10 Eldon Square voucher. Well done Hamza, a well-deserved award!



MILLIN CENTRE

58 Tutees Registered
28 Tutors

NEWCASTLE CITY LEARNING CENTRE

21 Tutees Registered
14 Tutors

BENTINCK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

11 Tutees Registered
9 Tutors

BLAKELAW NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

46 Tutees Registered
17 Tutors

THROCKLEY COMMUNITY HALL

16 Tutees Registered
8 Tutors

WALKER TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

159 Tutees Registered
33 Tutors

KIDS KABIN

18 Tutees Registered
1 Tutor

Our Clubs

As well as continuing with clubs from last year; Young Writers, Japanese, Music and WEYDA, this term we introduced more Key Fund projects and Code Club to the equation.

YOUNG WRITERS CLUB

The Young Writers Club found a home at our Throckley Learning Hub. Throughout 20 weeks, the children have been producing their own creative stories that have been compiled into their very own story book. Each chapter introduces a short story written by one of the Throckley children complete with pictures to match! To celebrate our upcoming authors we ended the year with an awards ceremony. Parents were invited to share the food and drinks, get their copy of their child's book and watch them as they stood up to collect their certificate for committing to their own learning.



'A Little Bit of Japan in England'

This year our Japanese Club continues with our Learning Hub Coordinator Mike. Mike is currently running Code Club at Kids Kabin, but continues to practise his Japanese language skills and cultural ways by passing it on to the

next generation at Walker Technology College every Thursday.

After he was granted funding from the Japanese Foundation he was able to organise a trip that would help engage the students with their learning. On October 25th, they went to the Japanese school in Washington. This runs every Saturday to provide lessons for Japanese children from all over the North East. On the day we visited, the school was having an open day, which included a sale of Japanese books, games, food and drink.



The club members were able to practice talking the Japanese they had learned, and they had a go at origami – the traditional Japanese art of paper folding. They made shurikens, cranes and even a Pooh Bear, all out of colourful paper. Next the group went to the cafe, and tried some authentic Japanese snacks – rice balls with seaweed (onigiri) and boiled soya beans (edamame). It wasn't what they're used to eating in Newcastle, but one student liked the seaweed rice balls so much that she bought more to take home with her!



The club members finished off by having a go (and winning) at hoopla, visiting the craft stalls and browsing the Japanese magazines, manga comics and books. It was good to experience a little bit of Japan in England, and they hope to visit again sometime in the future.

Japanese Club has jumped across Learning Hubs this year. A Newcastle University student who has experience teaching in Japan and studying the language at Newcastle University has introduced the Japanese tongue and cultural ways to the Blakelaw Learning Hub. The children and young people have welcomed this opportunity with open arms, the Club runs every Monday at the Blakelaw Neighbourhood Centre and an end of year trip is being planned!

Music Club

During this term a new group of children joined us to wiggle their fingers over instruments they had never played before and sing to their hearts content. A young group of 9 formed a band consisting of a drummer, pianist, bass guitarist, guitarist, two bongo players and three singers. They have spent their term learning the song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams and will be taking it to the

studios next term to produce a recording of their first ever single!

Next term a second band will be formed with an older age range. Their mission will be to write their own song and produce and star in their very own music video!



WEYDA, CODE CLUB AND LONDON

Following on from the West End Young Digital Artists 'Young, Religious and Judged' documentary last year, the young entrepreneurs have now moved on to coding. Coding has recently been introduced to the school curriculum from KS1 so we are currently searching for funding to be able to add this to our after-school services.

Our Kids Kabin Learning Hub that runs every Friday has become our Code Club protégé. The children who attend our Code Club have been learning how to program, using the graphical language Scratch. They've created a whole range of games and animations, incorporating all sorts of imaginative ideas. You can see a selection of their creations on the Scratch Website

> <http://scratch.mit.edu/users/KidsKabin/>

Not only is programming a useful skill in itself,

learning to code gives kids a much deeper understanding of the plethora of electronic devices that surrounds us. It's also a great opportunity to make use of all that maths they've been learning - they won't get very far before starting to use negative numbers, coordinates, angles and loads more.

WEYDA are currently designing their own website using the skills that they have gained from Code Club to help promote their own social enterprise. They are also linking their new abilities and expertise with old projects. The cartoon characters of their West End Heroes will soon have leading roles in a new game they are building. Watch this link on youtube > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dabzoW-qgo> to find out more about their West End Hero project.

Not only are they busy coding, but WEYDA have been invited to London to speak at the everyday Muslim symposium. This is a five year project where they hope to create a central archive of Muslim lives, arts, education and cultures from across the UK. See link for more information about their Young, Religious and Judged documentary > <http://www.s4a.org.uk/young-religious-and-judged/>

KEY FUND: ROLLERCOASTERS, BEAUTY AND 7 DWARFS

Key fund is an organization who 'believes all young people have the power to be great'. They provide money for young people so that they are able to plan activities and gain skills that are not taught within school.

Busola Afolabi, our Clubs Coordinator and Key Fund facilitator has been working with three groups of children with three very different

ideas. Part of the Key Fund process is getting to name your own group; Iballistic Squid, Hipsta Chix and Jaguar were formed.

Iballistic Squid can be located at our Blakelaw Learning Hub. After organising a 'Random Inside Out Party' as an end of year event, inviting everyone who attends the Learning Hub for their first stage, this term they moved on to arranging a trip out to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Newcastle Theatre Royal. They had to pick a date, get parent's consent and sort out the transport there and back (two buses full of children, staff and volunteers!).



Hipsta Chix and Jaguar, located at Walker Technology College Learning Hub kept their groups small. Hipsta Chix, an all-girl group decided to have a traditional girly trip out, a trip to the nail bar for a manicure, a meal and



the cinema.

Jaguar, an all-boy group this time planned a trip a bit further afield – Lightwater Valley! After sorting out all the serious stuff like transport and parent permission, they were able to spend a full day at the theme park that was both ‘funny and scary’.



Giving children and young people a slight structure but the freedom to pursue their own interests is a great way to motivate them to think, plan and self-evaluate their skills in order to grow and develop. There are four stages that they must climb. In order for the panel to accept their idea and progress through the stages, they must push themselves even further every time. The third and fourth stage is all about giving something back; their idea must be community-based, benefiting them in some way.

Use this link to read their personal blogs to find out exactly what they got up to:

<http://www.s4a.org.uk/?p=1950>

NEW YEAR, NEW CLUBS

CROCHET

We have a creative volunteer among us this year that will be running a Crochet Club at our Walker Learning Hub next term. The skill that was passed down from her mother will now be handed on to the young people at Walker. We have a very keen tutee who once she acquires the necessary skills, wants to set up her own business; making and selling hand warmer mugs (wool to go around a mug with finger holes to keep your hand warm while drinking your cuppa or coffee!)

COOKING

Two cooking clubs will be starting next term; one for our 3 Hubs in the West End and one at Blakelaw. Although separate locations, we’re sticking with the same theme – learning how to cook fast food favourites in an alternative healthy (and still cheap) way!

SPANISH

This year we have a native Spanish chica who wants to pass on her love for her Mother home to the children and young people at our Millin Learning Hub. She has been with us all term getting to know the children, but next term she will introduce them to school life in Spain, Spanish festivals and even a bit of flamenco dancing every Saturday morning.

VLOGGING

Introducing a completely new activity, not only to Success4All, but for this generation is vlogging. Vlogging is short for ‘video blogging’ and it can be about anything that you want it to be! Those interested in Walker will be making a vlog about people that they admire. We’re very excited to see the results!

Fundraising

AN ARMENIAN DINNER PARTY

A Newcastle University Student studying Politics in her third year spent her spare time this term fundraising for Success4All. After brainstorming ideas she decided on something that would represent her Armenian culture, wouldn't take too much planning and involved doing something she loves; cooking for a dinner party full of Armenian food!

After games, flowing conversation and lots of food, the guests left full and wanting more (they all took home doggy bags) and donated a generous £90 to Success4All. After taking away the costs for ingredient the event was a simple but effective idea as Lusine raised £65 while spending a lovely evening with great company.



Later on in the term, Lusine shared with us another one of her interests – music! >>>

MUSIC FOR A CHANGE

In November, Lusine brought together some of the most talented emerging bands in the North to the Head of Steam. The night kicked off with an energising show from Warning! (<https://www.facebook.com/Warningrockband>), an alternative rock band from Gateshead and familiar to many in the local music scene. They performed an all original set with some awesome tunes, which you should definitely check out here (<https://soundcloud.com/warning-1>). These boys *Never Stop* and they definitely made us shake *These Animal Bones*! They finished off with some tremendous solos and an improv jam.



Next up were Semi-Detached (<https://www.facebook.com/semidetachedband>), a recently formed rock band from Newcastle playing 'bright melodies and thick guitar riffs'. Headlining the night, they started off with some originals (you can check them out here <https://soundcloud.com/semi-detached>), featuring a unique Drum n' Bass jam from Annie Charnley on drums and Joe Summerfield on the bass, and a couple of unique covers including *Is this love?* by Bob Marley and *Hysteria* by Muse. Will got the crowd cheering for Success4All as he

encouraged everyone to donate for the great cause.



The night ended with a few soft tunes from Chloë Watson, an emerging talent, who despite her nervousness, wooed the crowd with her beautiful voice and effortless singing. The final impromptu jam of Junior Senior's *Move Your Feet*, with her boyfriend Alex playing the guitar, got the crowd moving for the final time.



We raised £74.12 from the night, so here is an enormous thank you to everyone who came and bought a ticket, and for everyone's brilliant energy! Of course, the biggest THANK YOU goes to Warning!, Semi-Detached and Chloë Watson for such a great night, and some great Music For A Change!

YOGA WITH A VIEW

Newcastle University student and yoga society member Katie Saunders organised a 'Yoga With a View' event at The Baltic.

This year the yoga society has picked Success4All as their chosen organisation to support and they got off to an amazing start!

The Quayside views, incense, twinkly nights and music created the perfect atmosphere for a yoga class for all skill sets and was perfect for beating those Monday blues.



The night also introduced us to a healthy snack from Propercorn who sponsored the event which complimented the chilled out exercise well. check out the different popcorn flavours they have to offer on their website <http://www.propercorn.com/our-popcorn>.

The 80 tickets sold out pretty fast and the event raised £365 - thank you yogis! The money raised will go towards a Cooking Club that will run at our Blakelaw Learning Hub by Katie. The children and young people will learn about how healthy food doesn't always have to be expensive, and teach the children and young people how to make healthy alternatives of their favourite fast-food meals!

To see a video of the night, find it online on Newcastle University's newspaper *The Courier* > <http://thecourieronline.co.uk/yoga-society-bend-over-backwards-for-charity/>.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Did you know that every time you buy something online you could be raising money for **FREE** to support Success4All?

In order to support *one* child with their education for a year it costs £240/£6 per week; this includes a Peer Tutor, workbooks and other learning resources, computer and online access and a relaxed place to work.

This Christmas help us hit our target of £240 simply by buying your gifts online via easyfundraising. Sign-up free today and start raising donations with over 2,700 top retailers at absolutely no extra cost to you!



Please help

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£240.00

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It really is simple; all you need to do is:

- Click on this link to register and £1 will automatically be donated to Success4All
<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/36V6IU/>
- Start shopping! You have a choice of over 2,700 retailers who have signed up to donate a percentage of whatever you buy straight to us! So whether it's fashion, beauty, electricals, business, entertainment, home and garden, finance, utilities or even insurance, shop via easyfundraising.

There's no catch, the cost of your item stays the same, and you can choose not to be sent any extra emails!

MAKE A WISH

The Chronicle's Wish campaign gives not-for-profit organisations in the North East the chance to receive a share of £35,000. This year Success4All were selected to be a part of the campaign to raise funds for learning resources like workbooks, textbooks and computer and internet connections.

How does it work? When you buy the Chronicle for as little as 50p, it will go along way for us. Go to the Chronicle Make A Wish campaign page and cut out the tokens. Once you've done that, pop in to one of our Learning Hubs (see timetable here <http://www.s4a.org.uk/volunteers/timetable/>) and we can collect them. The campaign ends on January the 31st so that's another 50 Chronicle's up for grabs! The more tokens, the more money we'll raise!

Read more about the Chronicle Wish Campaign on their website -

<http://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/all-about/wish?pageNumber=1&all=true>.

Community

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS 'Because it's good when we pull together'

This term Success4All was granted £500 from *The Cooperative Membership Community Fund* (read more about the Community Fund here > (<http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund/>)).



The money will go towards developing Success4All as a Cooperative. We are going to set up 'Parent Power' groups in communities with the aim that; parents will feel more confident in supporting their children with their education, we will support them in negotiating setting up new Learning Hubs in their areas, and parents will have more of a say in their children's education.

It is important to let people in communities know that they do have a voice and have the power to make a change in their communities, and we are here to support them.



As the Cooperative Membership Community Fund says 'Because it's good when we all pull together.'

FESTIVE FUN

To round off the term we thought we would organize some events for our tutees, parents and volunteers to divulge in.

First up we said a massive thank you to all of our volunteers with a night full of hot chocolate, curry, a trivia quiz with prizes up for grabs, a festive photo booth and awards specially thought of by Learning Hub Coordinators.



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