

SUCCESS 4 ALL



LEARNING HUBS®
Young People Learning From Each Other

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Welcome

This year is Success4All's tenth anniversary. The managing director Caroline Afolabi-Deleu reflects on the achievements and progress of our work stating "knowing we have helped so many children to continue with education, get into university, get jobs and/or become volunteers is the best feeling in the world".

The Hubs, numerous Clubs and plethora of help S4A has provided in the last ten years are all so significant due to the success stories and opportunities we have provided for children in Newcastle. This anniversary marks a chapter in our history

but also acts as a stepping-stone to grow more and more.

Caroline said that looking to the future she would love to set up more Learning Hubs beyond Newcastle and in other countries such as Nigeria.

In a recent interview, Caroline reminisced about the ten fantastic years. From the first milestone in 2006 where after only 3 months 40 children had registered to the Hubs, to 2011 when Success4All was named the winner of the North East Diversity Award for Education and all the way through to 2015 being announced a winner of the Aviva Community Fund for 'Supporting the Younger Generation'.

LEARNING HUBS

This year we have 6 Learning Hubs running. Over this term we have supported a total number of 248 learners that have registered with us. The young people have visited a total of 1260 times over the course of this term at an average of 126 times per week. This year we are pushing 1 to 1 tuition, and a total of 35 have been set up this term over 3 Learning Hubs. This includes English as a second language, Maths, English, French, German, Portuguese, and Persian.

We are extremely grateful that 114 volunteers are already supporting us after only one full term! The tutees have been supported by volunteers 730 times at an average of 73 times per week. We have seen an increase in Peer Tutors and Befrienders from local sixth form and colleges this year and currently have 59 great role models. This term we welcomed 33 returning volunteers and greeted 81 newbies. We are also here to support them and have provided 36 references since August 2015

Success Stories from 2015

Millin Centre

"Mahreen has her SATs coming soon and was really struggling with Maths specifically. To help her prepare for her SATs, I brought in a Maths past paper so that she could get a better idea about the questions she will be asked. She did not understand some Maths questions properly and now she is able to understand the concept of how Math questions are set out on SATs papers. Mehreen is now able to do Maths equations that she did not understand before."

Nadia Islam tutoring Mehreen Choudhury

"On the initial session she seemed disinterested and eager to leave quickly therefore not much progress was made. On the second session she had the same mentality but however with the help of sound cards and games she opened up and she smiled through the session. Compared to the first session, where she faced a problem and gave up, she now gives it a go. Lots of progress was made and she seems keen on coming into these sessions every week."

Alain Vendiola tutoring Asiyah Sawo (EAL and dyslexic)

Throckley

"We have been working hard this year in Throckley but Joey has been working harder than most. He has been working one-to-one with Busola on techniques to help him remember how to spell and read words. The technique they are currently using is called Mnemonics i.e. 'Big Elephants Can't Always Use Small Exits' to spell 'because.' Together they have been working hard to come up with tricks to help Joey become more confident in reading and writing."

Learning Hub Coordinator, Throckley

Newcastle CLC

"My tutor has really helped me improve my vocabulary and I feel more confident in using more advanced words" (Year 8)

Harpreet - has been receiving 1 to 1 English tuition for 6 weeks

"I like my tutee because he helps me understand everything better, and I can divide big numbers now!" (Year 4)

Shakiba - has been coming to the drop in sessions since September

Bentinck

"This is the third year that Hamza (Year 8) has been coming to the Learning Hub and continues to make great progress. Both Hamza and his Mum were ecstatic by the results of his first term report. All core subjects were at high levels of platinum and gold!

Irfan (Year 3) is the youngest in the Learning Hub and a new learner this year. It has been amazing not only to see his academic skills develop but his social skills. His Mum has told us that she has noticed a massive increase in confidence. Irfan joins in with Code Club at the end of sessions and his Mum is over the moon to see her son so enthusiastic about coding, when only a few months ago he would feel anxious and be afraid of using a computer at school."

Learning Hub Coordinator, Bentinck

Walker Technology College

"Kieran (First year college student) came for one-to-one French tuition last year and got the highest mark in his year, the one and only B! He has moved on to Newcastle College Sixth Form this year but has returned to us as a volunteer, tutoring new EAL learners, year 7s, 8s and 9s!

Lava and Reham (Year 7) are two new EAL arrivals that have been coming to the Learning Hub every day since the second week of November. After less than a month learning the basics, they have now joined full time school life and are still coming to the Learning Hub after school."

Learning Hub Coordinator, Walker

Blakelaw

"Ebony has improved in Maths greatly and has completed all work given to her. Maths is something she doesn't enjoy but has persevered over the last few weeks. For weeks she refused to take her Maths diagnostic test and kept crying but has now completed it.

Elisha previously avoided English writing work but this term a love for it has sparked. She wrote a fabulous detailed piece of writing, a massive comparison to the few sentences she used to write."

Learning Hub Coordinator, Blakelaw

Our Learning Hubs

MILLIN CENTRE

48 Tutees

31 Tutors

BLAKELAW NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

26 Tutees

13 Tutors

NEWCASTLE CITY LEARNING CENTRE

31 Tutees

22 Tutors

WALKER TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

115 Tutees

30 Tutors

BENTINCK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

15 Tutees

9 Tutors

THROCKLEY COMMUNITY HALL

13 Tutees

10 Tutors

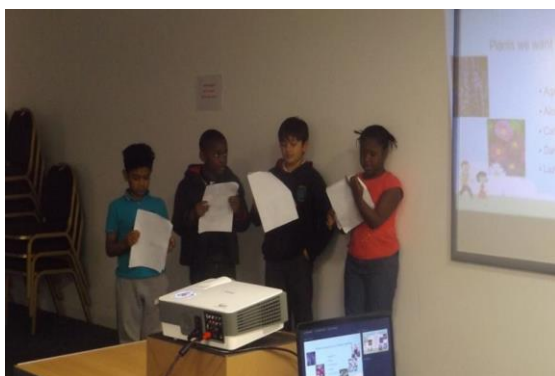
Our Clubs

We have also launched two new clubs this year to add our long list of extra-curricular activities that enable children to expand their knowledge and prospects.

Business Sparks

On Thursday 12th November, 23 young aspiring entrepreneurs from our Learning Hubs took part in our new Business Sparks Programme at Newcastle CLC and completed a session of fun activities and presented some brilliant business ideas. Business Sparks offers 16-24 year olds an inspiring and exciting package of support, which allows them to explore their ideas, experience all aspects of enterprise from marketing to finance, and finally to put their enterprising idea into practice. This programme is a brilliant opportunity for young people to get involved in their community, meet new people, gain confidence and learn valuable entrepreneurial skills to take with them as they progress into higher education and/or begin to apply for jobs in the future.

Make Your Mark are currently funding Business Sparks to deliver this programme in the Benwell and Scotswood area, but they have a variety of enterprise packages available for schools, colleges and community groups who are outside of the ward.



Bentinck Residents Association Gardening Club

This event ran at Community First Elswick where the children pitched their project ideas to a 'dragons den' style panel. The Bentinck Residents Association aims to salvage the site from becoming a place for fly tipping through turning it into a prosperous garden.

In the presentation the children said what they would like to do in the garden, this includes: growing lots of flowers to attract butterflies and bumblebees, to build a hedgehog house, a bird box and a massive bug hotel. They then went on to tell the panel which specific plants they would grow to attract this wildlife, for instance Antirrhinum and Lavender.

This gardening club has received a grant of £350 to achieve their goal of creating Bentinck Residents into a blooming plot of land and Success4All will run a weekly Gardening Club with the children to maintain the garden.

Upcoming Clubs...

Youth Club

In 2016, our Youth Club at Walker Technology College will include lots of new fun activities such as cooking, learning how to DJ and a STEM activity (the music and cooking activities delivered here will also take place in the West End).

Young Writers Club

Our Young Writers Club will begin again in January and the children will be given the opportunity to write creative stories about Walker Park when the new visitors centre is opened.

Easyfundraising

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

Just sign up and donate for free whilst you shop, whether that's for the weekly food shop or for Christmas presents and Boxing Day sales, easyfundraising includes over 2,700 of Britain's most popular retailers.

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EuroSol partnership

We've partnered with The EUROSOLE project, which is inspired by Professor Sugata Mitra's work on self-organised learning environments (SOLEs) where children all over the world take control of their own learning in groups using the internet.

Managing director Caroline Afolabi set up the same year Prof Mitra came to the city. "Our approach is similar in that we also aim to create a relaxed learning environment where young people can learn from each other," she explained. "We don't ask Big Questions like a SOLE does, but we are very much led by the young people as to what they want to learn and how they want to go about it. When I heard about this project I thought it was a fabulous idea and wanted to get on board."

The project will also look at issues around the quality and relevance of students' skills and competences and how the SOLE approach can promote the kind of 21st century skills that will empower young people long after they leave school.

Working in and across higher education, public schools and the third sector, EUROSOLE offers a response to tackling English as a second language, which engages at the very heart of the learning experiences of 13-21-year-olds across Europe.

It also aims to encourage young people to continue learning beyond the end of compulsory education. S4A and EuroSol's partnership should benefit each other and mutually work towards creating comfortable learning environments that put children at the centre.

The global research hub into SOLE research and practice is leading this three-year project together with the University's Open Lab and six partners across four countries: Belgium, Finland, Ireland and the UK. We were given a grant to set up projects in the West End of Newcastle by EuroSol.



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