



THE INTEGRATED RESOURCE

HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ASD'S ACCESS THE CURRICULUM AND EMPLOYMENT

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Our Supported Employment Project has been recognised by Sheffield City Council. We have had a series of meetings with officials from the Lifelong Learning and Skills Service and have been awarded a contract worth over £50,000 for the next twelve months. This money will allow the charity to appoint a third member of the team so we can support more adults with autism and learning difficulties into paid employment. The targets set by officers to

obtain this funding are high but this could be the start of a great relationship between our voluntary organisation and Sheffield Council. Matthew Hesmondhalgh, Project Director is delighted and relieved:

“We have waited a long time for this recognition. It means we can expand our work and carry on until July 2010. The project could have folded and nobody wanted that. What happens after this date is uncertain so please, if you can spare the time and money, complete the direct debit included in this newsletter”.

Glynis, who leads the project at The Source, is also very pleased: “Emma and I are delighted that the students’ hard work and ours has finally been recognised. We hope this will lead to a long and successful relationship between the Lifelong Learning & Skills Service and the Project.”

If you have any fundraising ideas please let us know.

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Basketball Brilliance at the Institute.

Who says basketball is purely for those on foot? This point was justified brilliantly at the English institute of sport on Tuesday the 31st of March 2009 in an inter-school basketball event that drew both the runners and the wheelchair cavalry onto the court.

The King Egbert School Integrated Resource joined the many other secondary schools across Sheffield in this titanic clash of ball against polished basket ball court that attracted the attention of some of the highest ranking figures in Sheffield's leading sporting organisations. Even the press were keen to bare witness to this radiant sporting clash.

As many of you (if not all of you) have gathered, a considerable proportion of those who took part were struck down with autism of all levels or required specialist support. However, many of us proved just as capable as the mainstream athletes. I always think that it must be understood that autism is in many cases a gift. Many who fail to understand the mystery shrouding autism must seriously consider taking another look at our old friends Albert Einstein, Bill Gates, JK Rowling and even the guy who wrote this article...!

By Robin Downing, Age 14.



The Resource pupils and staff went to play basketball at the Institute of sport. It was exciting because some of us had to be in wheelchairs. It is a lottery funded place and there was a huge pink lotto ball. There was four people in a team and only the two in wheel chairs were allowed to go wherever they wanted. They did that because it was harder to be in a wheelchair than play basketball standing up. At lunchtime we had a big game of basketball that turned into a game of rugby. Miss Brown had pompoms and we used them as wigs so they looked like red haired people. When you're in a wheelchair, trying to score was difficult because you're low down. It was hard to move and steer the wheelchair. There was lots of other schools there and we had a great day. A man from the Sheffield Telegraph came and took our photo.

David Guy Y9 Pupil

Interview with Owen Bailey:

Owen, How long have you been with the Project?

I have been with the Project since August 2007.

Tell me about your job and placement;

On my placement I worked in the Place to Eat at John Lewis for three hours a week each Friday. I baked scones, made cookies, put toppings on muffins and made lots of mince pies at Christmas.

I have had my paid job at Place to Eat since August 2008 and at the moment I work eight hours each week. I have improved since I was on placement and now know how long the products take to cook and make lots of different desserts. I feel like more of part of the team since I started working longer hours.



How long did you have support for?

I had full support for three months; I liked it in the beginning because there was someone there to help me. I was nervous at first when I was left by my support as I knew that one day I would have to do it all by myself. But it is a good feeling to be totally independent.

Do you enjoy your job?

Yes – I love the work that I do.

Are there any aspects of your job that you do not like?

No, I can't think of any.

What do you think you have achieved by being part of the Project?

By being part of the Project I have gained paid work and I now feel more confident.

Would you recommend the Project to other young adults with Autism?

Yes – it's a good place and I feel lucky to be part of it. John Lewis is a good employer to work for.

What are your plans for the future?

I would like to stay on working for John Lewis and would like to learn how to work in other areas of the kitchen not just the bakery. I would also like to work more hours.

Place to Eat Comment:

Owen's work is fantastic! He gelled straight away with the girls in the bakery and always gets on with his jobs. He is very competent at what he does and only has to be shown a job once before he picks it up.



The Resource betwixt Climate and Peace - a work by Sinead Fletcher

The Resource is a tumult of memories both of the good and of the bad, with the good outweighing the bad like the anvil does with the feather. Moods change like the weather, and in a similar fashion; one day it may be dry but sunny, the next, stormy. The Resource was a stabiliser for my temperate, changeable climate; if only such a thing existed for the British Isles.

Sinead will complete her A-Levels this summer. In September she will start a degree in Creative Writing at Hallam University



Jump & Jive

Dig out your dancing shoes and travel back in time to the 1950's, the era of real rock 'n' roll.

Friday 16th October, Jump & Jive Rock 'n' Roll band are playing Crookes Social Club. Advance tickets £5 or £6 on the door. Tickets will be available from 1st July 2009

For tickets call: 0114 235 3855
0114 236 9035



Charity To Change Name?

Rebranding seems to be a popular idea these days (or am I just feeling older and more cynical). Anyway, Trustees felt it might be a good idea to change the name of our charity from King Egbert Integrated Resource which admittedly, is quite a mouthful. So, we need your ideas. However, you should know by now how we never let an opportunity to fund-raise go begging. If you can come up with a suitable name for our charity, send it in to us at school with a minimum £1 donation. The final judges will be Glynis and Emma who work for the charity, and their decision will be final. Multiple entries more than welcome.

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