

Energize Newsletter

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Breaking News...

Energize are proud to unveil the new look web-site and would like to say a big thank you to Marble Web Design for their efforts. If you haven't seen the new site yet then please check it out at:

www.energize-solutions.co.uk

We'd love to hear your thoughts on the new site and welcome any comments you have, please email energizeadmin@gmail.com



November also signalled delivery of the Try This Now social enterprise workshop at Hastingsbury Upper School, Bedford, for the first time!

Behaviour Management Training

The very first Energize Behaviour Management course was delivered to staff at Rutherford and Biddenham Upper Schools during the autumn term. Prompted by success delivering the Peer Mentoring Course in both schools Bedford Excellence cluster asked us to condense the lessons learned from our work with disaffected pupils and pass this on to teachers. During the first three sessions we facilitated the teachers developing a grid of potential solutions to a range of behaviour characteristics. This can be found on http://www.energize-solutions.co.uk/resources/resources_home.htm. The final session of the course was where we were able to unpack our learning points from an informal education perspective. This course is available to all schools by contacting Gary Richardson on 01234 272101.



Gap Year Preparation Course

Early September witnessed the completion of the new Energize programme - Gap Year Preparation which is aimed at equipping year 12 and 13 pupils with the necessary skills needed to enjoy a successful Gap Year travelling and working on voluntary projects. Dates for delivery in the new year are already in the diary!



Youth Services News...

Social Enterprise

Following the success of the Try This Now workshop delivered at Biddenham Upper School Energize have been able to provide a range of sports equipment to nineteen different clubs, teams and youth centres throughout Bedfordshire. The equipment and recipients were nominated by Biddenham pupils taking part in the workshops. Group winners over the course of the two-day project were "Group Name" (pictured right).

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Youth Services News...

Peer Mentoring

November saw the completion of another highly successful Energize Peer Mentoring course, this time working with year 10 and year 12 students from John Bunyan School, Bedford. After several days training, the Bunyan pupils and Energize staff delivered a sports tournament for youngsters at Putnoe Lower School which was extremely well received. Bunyan School Sports Co-ordinator Nicola Fountain was very pleased with the course outcome noting:

"The students learnt a great deal about leadership and were very enthusiastic about continuing to develop their skills - the festival (at Putnoe Lower School) ran very successfully."

Academic Mentoring

The start of the academic year 2006-07 has been a successful one for the Energize Academic Mentoring programme with delivery to Hastingsbury Upper School, Bedford a regular occurrence this quarter.

Skill Acquisition

Following on from the successful social enterprise workshop ran in Biddenham Upper School in the summer (2006) the relationship between Energize and the school has grown yet further with a series of skill acquisition workshops delivered to pupils from years 10 - 12.



Corporate News...



Celebrating success (pictured below)

Keith Williams and Mike Johnson, CCLRC Director of Technology, present each other with awards to celebrate the successful conclusion of the "Fit For the Future" transformation programme in CCLRC, the UK's research council for large science and technology facilities. The celebration was held on 21st September at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Harwell after a successful external review conducted by senior leaders of the DTI/OSI and Council. All the FFTF team were invited to celebrate achieving the challenging objectives on time. Keith Williams presented Mike with the "Energize High Performing Team" award, and Mike presented Keith with the "CCLRC Brown Paper Award for Change Management".



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Supporting Community Development & Enterprise

Energize is currently working in partnership with the CVS and Bedford College to deliver consulting support, and training in leadership/management and entrepreneurship, to community organisations and small business in Bedfordshire. The work is funded by the East of England Development Agency and run by The Learning Partnership and Investing in Communities Bedfordshire and Luton. Energize are delivering the **PEP** Leadership Development Programme tailored to meet the specific needs of each individual and organisation.



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Stephen Wilson, one of the individuals taking part in the **PEP** Leadership Development Programme states:

"I am really enjoying being involved with the PEP programme. It is rare to find such a personalised course with such knowledgeable trainers which helps and supports young entrepreneurs like myself on a very practical and pro-active level. I am looking forward to implementing some of the exciting steps in both my personal and work life!"

Rob Campbell, who is also taking part in the programme shares his thoughts below:

"A well structured course with individual sessions which have helped me identify and understand my strengths."



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Charity News...

Gift Aid

Following the end of the Energize Charity financial year in August we were able to send our Gift Aid application off to the Inland Revenue and claim back a total of £860.25 for the projects we support! This is great news for everyone involved and these extra funds will go a long way to ensuring essential, sustainable provision for each project. Staff at Energize would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has supported the charitable projects!

Company Donation

In addition to the reclaimed Gift Aid money Energize is also pleased to announce that the period between October and November saw £5,000 donated from the company to the charitable projects it supports overseas - another huge boost for these projects!

Chatsworth, South Africa

The donation made by the company will enable young people in the Chatsworth township, near Durban South Africa, to celebrate Christmas especially well this year with a huge party open to all those involved in the Aqua Youth Project.



Bloemfontein, South Africa

In Bloemfontein, South Africa, the company donation made to the Hope House project will help kick start plans to extend the accommodation facility and make a safe welcoming environment available for more young people.

Zambia

In Zambia the company donation will ensure the sustainability of the Arms of Love project becomes a reality, taking support for young street children further and deeper.

Cambodia

In Cambodia, plans to employ a sports worker to assist the different elements of Hosea Ministries project work were also made a reality thanks to support from Energize

PayPal Facility

In line with the new Energize web-site we are also pleased to announce that we now accept donations for the overseas charitable projects we support, online from individuals who hold a PayPal account!

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Other News...

And Finally.....

Energizing Dads

Thanks to a successful application for funding made to the Local Network Fund, November saw the start of the first ever Energizing Dads parenting programme. This programme is delivered in conjunction with the Family Matters Institute and Goldington Family Centre and has proved a real hit with those involved!



Dream Scheme Youth Project

Towards the start of November Energize began a 6 week programme of activities working with young people at Kempston Youth Centre as part of the youth service's Dream Scheme project. Due to end in December the early stages of this project have started well and promise plenty of fun times ahead...as Energize project officer James Farmer explains:

"We have developed a programme of activities for the duration of the 6 week project and the young people we are working with have really began to open up to what we are offering - I'm sure this project will build some great new relations with both staff and young people from the youth centre".



Rumour has it that two of the Energize boys are rolling back the years and stepping out onto Bedford's hallow turf each Saturday for the newly formed Kings AFC! To witness this rare phenomenon for yourselves make sure your at Clapham sports field every other Saturday and bring a camera!



Dedicated Followers of Fashion...



This seasons must-have new look Energize shirts, kindly modelled by Jimbo!



Pocket logo



Sleeve logo

We hope you have enjoyed this first edition of the Energize Newsletter, the next issue will be available towards the end of February 2007.

James Farmer
Energize Project Officer

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