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E-Zine Crew Discover
a Hidden Gem See p.2



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CONSTRUCTION
by Terry Jell



The construction department recently introduced the City & Guilds 6218 programme in Basic Construction Skills. The programme includes Painting and Decorating, Carpentry and Plumbing and is an ideal introduction to young people who want to work in the construction industry.

The award is delivered from the Derek Higgins Construction Training Centre. Opened in 2004, the centre contains a fully fitted workshop designed to industry standards.

Construction Manager Terry Jell comments; " We pride ourselves on achieving good results. This leads to many of our learners moving on to higher qualifications at colleges as well as gaining employment and apprenticeships. To sum up it is our main aim at Springboard is to help learners realise their true potential in life and help them further their career."

For enrolment information see P.5



Christmas Greetings & A Prosperous New Year

SPORTS

by Jonathan Hill & Godfrey Blair

We are pleased to say that our longstanding partnership with Arsenal in the Community continues to be successful and provide Springboard with fantastic sports and extra curricular opportunities.

In 2010 we had 20+ learners achieve their level 1 certificate in Coaching Football, 4 learners pass their Level 2 in Coaching Football and 17 learners complete their Community Sports Leadership Level 2 Award.

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Above: The Springboard Team

MEDIA NEWS

by Matt Bray



Starting in January, Springboard Media will be supporting a group of local teenagers to produce content for the Community Safety pages of Islington Council's website.

SPORTS *continued...*

Currently Springboard Islington Sports learners are participating in their first season in the SESSA Football League, playing against colleges and universities. The league is shown below. As you can see Springboard are sitting comfortably at the top.

All the students have shown great commitment to the team by helping and supporting each other in both their studies and sports activities and training.

We are also working for the national charity 'Family Action' to produce a film about the positive role that disabled volunteers play within their organisation.

Links to the content will be published in the January edition of Springboard News.

And the hidden gem from 2010 was the Islington Ecology centre. Discovered by budding young journalists on our E-ZINE >

www.ezineislington.org.uk

We celebrated the beginning of the Christmas break by having a lunch at Arsenal where each student received an award for their hard work and parts played in the success of the team, and their individual hard work and effort throughout their time on the course.

We look forward to seeing what 2011 brings.

Jonathan and Godfrey

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1. Springboard Islington Sessa	5	2	2	1	14	13	1	8
2. Haveing College Men's 1s Sessa	3	2	1	0	14	6	8	7
3. Middlesex University Men's 3s Sessa	3	2	0	1	14	8	6	6
4. Bedford College 2nd	4	2	0	2	10	9	1	6
5. Tower Hamlet College 1	2	1	1	0	10	8	2	4
6. West Herts College 4th	3	0	2	1	9	14	-5	2
7. Writtle College Men's 2s SESSA	4	0	0	4	11	24	-13	0

SPOTLIGHT

A STUDENT SUCCESS STORY



YOUTHREACH

by Paul Vincent

Leena Browne * was a young 15 year old female learner when she joined the Youthreach programme at Springboard Islington. Leena had previously disengaged from learning and was known for causing trouble due to bad behaviour.

Leena also had some personal problems with her Mother and Family, whilst being moved from one mainstream school to another before arriving at Springboard Islington.

However within a few short months Leena achieved so much, due to her efforts and that of the Springboard staff/tutors. In short her confidence grew and she studied harder than ever before, thus achieving a C Grade in English & Maths GCSE, Level 1 and CLAIT in I.C.T.

Leena also gained a Sports Leadership Award, as she re-engaged well in sports activities. Lena then progressed onto a post 16 educational course at Springboard studying for an NVQ in Business Administration.

Leena now lives in her own hostel and is studying Law at Barnet College, whilst still finding the time to see us occasionally. Leena has blossomed into a mature young lady and is on course to further her career.

Looking at her today it is hard to imagine that this was a person with issues, immaturity and bad behaviour, which thankfully are now all in her past. Leena's outlook now is completely different to life and has a bright future ahead, thanks to the Youthreach programme at Springboard Islington.

** Name has been changed*

The Springboard Youthreach project is a full time learning programme for young people who become disengaged from mainstream state education in years 10 and 11.

It is targeted towards young people who are unlikely to re-integrate back into mainstream school on a full- time basis.

'AU REVOIR' PERO NO ADIOS!

Having clocked up more than 30 years loyal service, Springboard's Haringey Centre Manager Jan Watson is hanging up her hat and boots and jetting off for a new life in the mountains of southern Spain.



Q: Name?

A: Jan Watson



Above: the famous Spanish bull, right 'Indalo' man, the good luck symbol of Almeria

Q: Where are you from?

A: Islington, London

Q: Job title / role?

A: Senior Administrator/Centre Manager

Q: What have you most enjoyed about working at Springboard?

A: Seeing the learners achieve goals and achievements; progressing into further education or employment which they thought would never be possible.

Q: What was Springboard like when you joined?

A: I joined on 19 September 1979. Springboard Islington was then based at the Archway Methodist Hall with the grand total of 10 learners. There were 5 staff in total and we shared a large draughty office with the learners.

Q: What are your plans now that you are leaving Springboard Islington?

A: I'm going to sit in the sun, grow grapes, keep a couple of chickens and try not to drive my husband mad!

Good luck from all at Springboard

FROM ASTRO-PHYSICS TO MATHEMATICS

Having recently obtained a Masters Degree in Astro-Physics, it seems there is no stopping Springboard's GCSE Maths tutor Afredita. Not content with Astro Physics Afredita is now pursuing a Mathematics PHD in Dynamical Systems.



Q: Name?

A: Afredita Sula

Q. Tell us about your PHD.

A. It is on the dynamical systems of mathematics which are applied in science and engineering.

Q: What do you enjoy about teaching?

A: I enjoy helping the young people to understand and enjoy Mathematics. I love it when something clicks and they suddenly see and understand something new. That gives me a great sense of joy.

Q. Huh?! Anyway - what are you doing for Christmas?

Visiting friends and family, eating, drinking, and being merry!!

TURN YOUR LIFE AROUND IN 2011 > ENROL ON A COURSE WITH SPRINGBOARD

CHILDCARE

Are you interested in a career in childcare?

Then get started on a Springboard Islington Foundation Learning Programme. You will gain practical experience of working with children through placement for up to three days per week in a nursery or other child-care setting and work towards the level 2 Certificate in Child care Learning and Development..



“The time spent at Springboard has given us more confidence so we would like to thank everyone.”

Ama Greaves/ Mirgena Toci, Childcare learners

FOUNDATION LEARNING >

We offer programmes in **Childcare, Sports and Recreation, Media and Construction**. As well as the core subjects all learners also get support with functional skills: ICT, Employability, English and Maths.

Open to young people aged 16 - 18.

APPRENTICESHIP IN ACTIVE LEISURE AND LEARNING >

Our sports apprenticeship run in partnership with Arsenal FC. Aimed at young people who wish to develop a career in coaching and activity leadership. The Apprenticeship is made up of the following awards:

- NVQ Level 2 in Activity Leadership
- Level 2 Certificate in Sport and Recreation, Industry and Organisational Awareness
- Football Association Level 2 award in Football Coaching
- Four Day First Aid course
- Functional Skills/Key Skills Award in English, Mathematics and ICT

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