

Young People's Employment Programme Organises Sponsored Walk for Dog Appeal

Young people attending an employment programme in Brighton run by charity, Tomorrow's People are organising a sponsored walk to raise money for Dogs Trust, based in Shoreham-by-Sea.

Participants on the Working It Out programme, which helps hard-to-reach young people, responded to a recent appeal by staff at Dogs Trust Shoreham-by-Sea. The Dogs Trust needs tins of dog food to help care for the stray and abandoned dogs it cares for. To raise money for this appeal, members of the Working It Out team will walk, in fancy dress, from Brighton Marina to the West Pier on Wednesday 4 July.

The Working It Out programme helps young people aged 16-24 develop employability skills, life and social skills and gain practical work experience through a series of community challenges. The challenges are chosen by the group and encourage them to work as a team and at the same time productively help the local community.

Dave Slade, Head of Project for the Working It out programme in Brighton said: "Working It out is a good way of helping young people who are struggling to work out what they want to do with their lives and plan a future. This current challenge is helping the group to engage with local people in a positive way and take pride in their ability to make a difference."

The Working It Out programme is currently available in four major cities – Brighton, Glasgow, Liverpool and Plymouth. Supported by Tomorrow's People tutors, small groups of young adults aged 16+ undertake a variety of one-to-one and group activities. A mix of structured, practical support with personal and social development is designed to help each participant.

'Working It Out' in Brighton is funded by three organisations. Funding is provided by the Learning and Skills Council through the charity Nacro in Sussex. Additional funding is provided by Barclays through its community investment programme, and match funded by v, the new youth volunteering charity.

For details about Tomorrow's People's Working It Out programme in Brighton please email wio.brighton@tomorrows-people.co.uk or telephone 01273 563916.

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