

"I don't know what you did to my son but now, for the first time, he wants to study English and Maths!" Parent of asphaleia learner.

asphaleia training is now working in Haywards Heath, Littlehampton, Shoreham-by-Sea and Worthing offering three day engagement programmes for 16-18 year olds who are NEET (not in education, employment or training).

"The aim of the programmes is to engage NEET 16-18 year olds by offering free access to qualifications, advice and support in an alternative learning environment to college or school," explains Senior Project Worker Kelly Reeves.

"The programme includes a short workplace qualification, such as first aid or workplace hazard awareness, a team building activity including wall climbing or graffiti workshop and each young person is offered information, advice and guidance to help them take their next step, into employment or further training," she adds.



A recent participant on the programme said: **"It was really good. I had lots of fun. You and the other project worker were really good. I feel much more confident now. Before I would have been really embarrassed to talk to people but I find it easier to have conversations with people now."**

"Overall the most recent engagement programme was really successful," says project worker Candice Kelcey-Archbold.



"On day one we all went climbing and quite a few of the young people were reluctant to try it out. However, once they saw some of the others (including the project workers!)

putting on harnesses and climbing boots, they all gave it a go. On day two Jenny, tutor, led a day of cooking. There was an element of team spirit and competition to make the most delicious brownies. It was great to see their confidence had grown and the trust of the group had developed - most of the young people were keen to continue with asphaleia on our foundation learning programme."



For further information about how you could refer a young person on our engagement programmes, please contact Kelly Reeves on 01903 823546.

Upcoming dates are:

April 2011

Worthing – week commencing 11/04/11

Shoreham – week commencing 25/04/11

Littlehampton – week commencing 18/04/11

Haywards Heath – week commencing 11/04/11

May 2011

Worthing – week commencing 09/05/11

Shoreham – week commencing 23/05/11

Littlehampton – week commencing 16/05/11

Haywards Heath – week commencing 09/05/11