

boost project exceeds employment targets

This month has been a very busy time for our contract management team in boost. Not only have we been working with our delivery partners on London Development Agency (LDA) funded project P2P to meet as many targets as possible on a very challenging project, we have also been meeting all the partners on our brand new £1.6m project, co-financed by the YPLA and ESF.

The P2P project is due to finish at the end of October and so far, our partners have met most, and even exceeded some, of the targets. "It is an amazing achievement," says boost manager Emma. "This project has been mainly focused on getting young people into employment, at a time when unemployment amongst 16-25 year olds is at its highest. Our partners have not only met their entry to work targets but they achieved 108%, which is fantastic.

"Not only are they getting young people into work, but they are keeping them there too. Our partners have achieved 267% of our sustained employment targets, which means that these young people have stayed in the same employment for six months or more. This project is clearly having a very positive impact on both young people, and local employers."

In order to ensure P2P is successful our contract management team have implemented a range of communication tools to ensure the partners are able to share learning and best practice amongst the group. Some of these include monthly news bulletins, which update partners on progress and targets achieved, as well as stories of particular achievement for certain partners. The team also created a boost partner portal online, so partners can access any information or paperwork in one place. Facilitating effective partnership meetings and training also play a key role in boosts' management of the P2P partners, providing all an opportunity to share their experiences and seek further support and advice on areas where they were struggling.

The contract management team are also setting up all the systems for the new ON2UP2 project. The overall aim of ON2UP2 is to reduce the number of young people aged 14-18 in West Sussex and Surrey who are NEET (not in education, employment or training) or at risk of becoming NEET. Partners will achieve this aim by offering a range of activities tailored to suit individual needs.

"We are looking forward to getting started with this project," explains Bruce, boost consultant. "We will be working with five partners across Sussex and Surrey – they range from large Colleges to youth organisations. We can't wait to get going!"

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