



Edition 14- Summer 2021

Education

Reactiv8 is pleased to announce that we have secured a further grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner for 2021/22, to deliver a high impact and practical mind-set empowerment programme using proven educational material and British military coaching techniques, for ages 10-16, at risk of violence, exploitation, and underperforming in school.



These sessions include a combination of group workshops followed by one-to-one bespoke mentoring sessions facilitated by CD8 Enterprise that provide enhanced advice, guidance, and support to empower participants to achieve the life they deserve, away from violence and crime.

We commenced delivery of this programme by returning to Biddenham, a Bedford Borough school, where we worked with a lovely group of Year 7 and 8 students. The group made excellent progress across all aspects of the programme and their bespoke programme included them also taking part in an introduction to boxing skills & team games and activities where they were able to successfully apply skills learnt in the classroom into teamwork activities.

In the new academic year, we will continue the delivery of this programme to schools across Central Beds and Luton as we aim to visit All Saints Academy, Ivel Valley School and Stockwood Park Academy. We are excited to be visiting Stockwood Park to work with a group of students who initially completed the Reach for the Stars programme in 2019 when we visited them in their Junior school, Farley Hill, when the programme was sponsored by VERU. This is the pilot of returning to see students once they have made the transition to Secondary School. It is an exciting opportunity to cement further the mindset and skills development they completed with us in Year 6 and offer them further 1 to 1 support as they face new challenges as they become teenagers.

TCHC CAMBS NEETS 15 to 24 year olds

We secured funding from TCHC for a five-day course for 15 to 24 year olds that are not reaching their true potential and are at risk of/are NEET across Cambridgeshire. They will receive a life changing positive mindset programme, as well as a Level 2 qualification in Health and Safety in the workplace. Participants must be at least 15 years old and have a birth certificate or passport for eligibility.

We would be delighted to discuss this free course with schools, colleges, training providers and employment agencies.

For more information and availability, please email: education@reactiv8.org.uk



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-Martin Luther King Jr.*



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Reactiv8 support for schools

We have had an exciting year in our on-site education provision where we have enjoyed welcoming new schools and students onto our site and have expanded our staffing team in the education department.

It has been our pleasure to continue working with students from Oakbank School, Greys Education Centre, and Wootton Academy. We have also enjoyed establishing new working relationships with Chiltern School, Samuel Whitbread Academy, Ivel Valley School, Alameda Middle and All Saints Academy. We were proud to see all students engaging successfully with the Reach for the Stars mind-set programme and many of them leaving us having successfully gained qualifications in Level 1 & 2 Health & Safety in the workplace, Level 1 H&S in construction, NCFE Employability Skills and GB Preliminary Boxing Award. We also were pleased to see several of our older students gaining their CSCS qualification which allows them to gain work as labourers on construction sites.

Reactiv8 is pleased to be able to support other students on their journey into further training and the workplace. It has also been our pleasure to see students enjoying a variety of work placements with some now exploring the possibilities of enrolling on apprenticeships in the fields that they most enjoyed. Students that gained their qualifications in Level 1 H&S in the workplace and CSCS are now enjoying employment on construction sites in the local area.

Across the on-site provision we offer both individual and group sessions tailored to the requirements of the student. We deliver Reactiv8's 'Reach for the Stars' positive mind-set programme, qualifications, employability preparation and team building activities and create a bespoke programme for every group or individual.

This term we have enjoyed seeing students succeed on programmes that included planning and delivering a catering event, web-site design for their chosen projects and an introduction to sign language. This year students were also able to take part in an Instagram project which was sponsored by the Office of the Beds Police Crime Commissioner. Students researched and produced a presentation on a subject of their choice. The students created some interesting work on topics that included Knife Crime and Child Exploitation.

Eventbrite Conferences

We have held 3 online conferences this year.

- January: Goal Setting Workshop
- March: Power of Affirmations and Self-Talk
- June: The Millionaire Mindset

The conferences have been virtual this year due to COVID restrictions but this has enabled us to reach a far wider audience, with conferences being delivered via Zoom to the comfort of home!

Media

Join Michelle and TJ every Friday night at 7.30pm on Facebook live. The topic is different every week and gives support and advice on current problems that everyone faces, giving help and advice to live your best life and build resilience in today's demanding world.

Employment Support

We have had a good attendance for the CSCS card training and the Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in a construction environment courses as COVID restrictions have lifted and people are eager to return to work.

We have offered mentoring to people to prepare for work, interviews and creating a CV.

Domestic Abuse Housing

Lots of projects are keeping our residents busy from handmade edible flowers, amazing cakes, a vegetable patch that is getting bigger by the day, sharing of cooking and tasting of different culture dishes, children play dates with present and past residents' children, Life in the UK and ESOL courses.



We have another property which we refurbished. Redecorated with new carpets and furniture that our clients are already enjoying. Great work from the team! The Domestic Abuse Supported Housing Project continues to grow, new referrals coming through regularly and agencies becoming aware of our services. We now have five individual family homes, five HMOs offering circa 30 rooms but soon to increase to meet the demand.

We continue to build amazing relationships with external agencies to offer great support to the clients. We have a fantastic connection with local doctors who have a named member of staff to give priority support to DA needs in Reactive8 Housing. We have great working relations with specialist solicitors to refer clients for legal advice and offer legal aid (which is rare!) for family law and immigration. Beds Police DA team and Emerald Team Luton offer fantastic support. Safeguarding Lead IDVA at Bedford Hospital, directs clients needing DA support. MARAC – in Luton always promote our service and we are in regular contact with the lead and admin there and we have a good connection with Bedford Borough.

Our great work is advertised via networking meetings that Nicole, our DA Lead, attends on a monthly basis and through her connections, in Luton, Central Beds and Bedford, ensuring we spread the Reactive8 work across several boroughs!

We are looking for more rental properties, especially one-bedroom flats to meet the high demand we are facing. We would love to hear from you if you have rentals available now. Please email with your details to arrange a call back: reactive8housing@reactiv8.org.uk

Do you want to feature in a book?

Michelle is looking for people of old and new that have received support from Reactiv8 in any way, shape or form, who would be willing to share their transformational stories, from their darkest days to light at the end of the tunnel.

There are so many people that we have helped along the way that have managed to turn their life around, all credit to them, that we want to share with the world! If you are interested in this, then get in touch with Michelle: michelle@reactiv8.org.uk

Supported Housing

We are delighted that supported housing has expanded to twenty-three flats and one hundred and fifteen rooms to date. Our properties are furnished so clients can move straight in with a welcome pack to help them feel at home. We offer a range of support from claiming benefits to employment support to help the clients feel back in control of their lives.

We work closely with many agencies to ensure the clients' needs are met in order for them to live a great life. Reactiv8's Positive Mind-set course is offered to the clients to help them to achieve their dreams and feel confident about their future.

We offer a Resident of the Month award for residents who adhere to their licence agreements, share amicably, support other residents, and help with the cleaning and upkeep of the property. Winners are invited for lunch at the Reactiv8 offices where they are presented with a certificate and a £25 voucher.

March Winners: Neil W and Princess B.

April Winners: Curtis L, Javaid A, Nicky G and Mark R.

June Winners: SM, MS, Shaun F, TR and Mark M.

Whether you are a victim of domestic abuse, honour-based violence, ex-offender, homeless or PIP and require supported accommodation, you will need to be entitled or in receipt of benefits to be eligible. Get in touch by emailing: reactive8housing@reactiv8.org.uk



Building Better Opportunities

This project is funded by the European Social Fund and National Lottery Community Fund. The National Lottery Community Fund is the largest community funder in the United Kingdom. The National Lottery Community Fund uses money raised by National Lottery players to help communities achieve their ambitions. From small, local projects to UK-wide initiatives, its funding brings people together to make a difference to their health, wellbeing and environment.



We have welcomed new groups to attend the life changing programme delivered by Michelle and her team to aid many adult ex-offenders rebuild their lives, gain a positive and can-do attitude to help them prepare for working life. Many of the learners express how their attitude is more positive to life, they have better relationships with people and want to start work or their own businesses.



FREE boxing programme!

We are offering a FREE boxing programme (funded by the Office of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner) for 11-17 year olds over the summer where they can work towards a GB preliminary Boxing Award with a certified All England Boxing Coach.



Book your FREE place:

- 9th – 13th August 10am - 1pm – for 11-12 year olds <https://bit.ly/3iua0jm>
- 16th – 20th August 10am - 1pm – for 13-14 year olds <https://bit.ly/3zo22yZ>
- 23rd – 27th August 10am - 1pm – for 15-17 year olds <https://bit.ly/36PSpNv>



What's new?

Lots! We have a new website that will be launched in August! An online learning platform will have courses available to people across the country.

Courses on offer include a personal mentoring programme for 'How to achieve a Millionaire Mindset' to help you think like a millionaire so you can achieve your dreams and aspirations.

We now have three classrooms instead of two, with amazing

wall murals to inspire you on entrance to every room. More social media will be live in August with Reactiv8 making a debut on TikTok!



Good Luck!

We would like to wish Mel, our current Education Manager good luck as she follows her passion back to teaching dance in a secondary school and Adam, our Housing Support Officer good luck in his new ventures.

Welcome!

Reactiv8 is growing as a business, and we are delighted to welcome new members of staff to our team. We welcome Jake, Suki, and Natalie to our already expanding Housing Team along with Haley as our Deputy Housing Manager. Within our education department, we welcome Katie as Education Manager, Charlene as Assistant Education Manager and Alessandra and Donte as our volunteers.

Vacancies

We are currently have vacancies for more Housing Support Officers and Support Tutors in Education. If you would like to know more and have a passion for helping people, please contact: info@reactiv8.org.uk