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'Enabling and empowering people with disabilities'

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Welcome

Welcome to our new-look Newsletter 'The Tower Project Times'. As always, it's been a busy quarter for all of our services. We've had a hugely successful Ofsted visit, supported members into paid employment, had staff from our Social Enterprises' cater at large events, danced away at our Christmas parties and had a Winner at the Youth Achievement Awards!

A reminder that all of our news stories can be found at www.towerproject.org.uk or you can follow us on social media using the links on the back page.

We hope you enjoy this new, colourful edition. Any questions and all feedback regarding our newsletters can be emailed to: natalie.rogers@towerproject.org.uk.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

'Catering Connoisseurs' Job Enterprise & Training (JET)



The demand for our Catering Service, arranged by our Social Enterprise Cafe's Haggerston Perk and Ocean View, continues to rise. We have now catered for and provided a full hospitality service for a number of events run by the London Borough's of Tower Hamlets and Hackney. One of the events was the Hackney Carers Awards, a fantastic afternoon which saw the staff cater for over 100 people.

Catering and Hospitality opportunities provide our interns and paid employees the chance to increase their experience in food preparation, time-keeping and their people skills.

If you have an upcoming event or a party that requires catering, please email: jamie.squire@towerproject.org.uk.

Our new Catering Brochure is available to download from our website.



'Outstanding Ofsted' Children's Services

"Children are
incredibly happy
and settled in their
environment"
- Ofsted 2019

We are delighted to announce that our 'Complex Needs Holiday Schemes' has been judged as Outstanding across the board by Ofsted. Through our Children's Service we endeavour to help young people develop their full potential through positive role models, social interaction, inclusion and new experiences that will broaden their horizons. If you would like to read the full report, you can find it on our website. Congratulations to Naima and her team.



'Learning Disability Work Week' Job Enterprise & Training (JET)



During Learning Disability Work Week, we joined Mencap in a social media campaign to promote people with learning disabilities in employment and to challenge stereotypes that exist within our society, using the hashtag **#HEREIAM**. The campaign gave us an opportunity to not only thank all of our fantastic employers that provide our individuals with life-changing work placements, experience and training but to also raise awareness and to make organisations realise the value in giving someone with a learning disability the chance to excel in a working environment.

Do you know an employer that would be interested in offering a work placement to someone with a learning disability? Please email us at jet@towerproject.org.uk or call 020 8980 3500.

'Tea fit for a Duchess!' Job Enterprise & Training (JET)



Three students with special educational needs on work placements at the Yurt Café at the Royal Foundation of St Katherine's got a surprise when HRH The Duchess of Cornwall popped into the Café for some tea and conversation. The students all from Langdon Park School in Poplar, are three months into a 9-month work placement at the Yurt Café supported by Job Coaches from our Job Enterprise and Training Service. HRH The Duchess of Cornwall spoke to the young people about their work placements and their aspirations for employment in the hospitality sector and HRH offered the young people advice around how to make the perfect cuppa. The students were thrilled with the visit and can now put on their CV that they have served royalty and can make tea fit for a Duchess!

'Belfast visit' Autism Service (First Start)



It was great to have our Autism Day Service Manager Belinda show Consultant Psychiatrist Dr Ian Hall and two Service Manager's from Belfast around our facilities, as a leading example of a service that supports people with challenging needs in a community setting. The visitors were taken on a tour of the building, located on the Isle of Dogs before discussing First Start's approach to working with individuals living with an Autism Spectrum Condition. The First Start service was developed in April 2004 and has attained accreditation through The National Autistic Society.

First Start members were later treated to a Christmas Dinner hosted by staff which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!

'Judith shines at Coventry Transport Museum' New Dawn Day Opportunity Service



Well done to Judith who travelled to the Coventry Transport Museum for the Creative Bridges SEN Conference. Judith was able to present the work of Purple Stars about exploring the sensory opportunities in museums and galleries. She showcased her sensory label and virtual reality quad bike experience, it was a really fascinating day and with some important discussions.



'Xmas Market fun for our School Programme Members' Job Enterprise and Training (JET)



Groups of student's on our School's Programme from Langdon Park and George Green's School visited Crisp Street Market to sell their handmade Christmas gifts and cards to the local community. The experience gave students the opportunity to gain retail knowledge whilst also learning how to communicate with the public, deal with money handling and how to work as a team.

'Young Achiever of the Year' Youth and Leisure Services



Yaomin with Samantha Johnstone (TP Youth and Leisure Service Coordinator) and his mother



Yaomin with his award

In November 2019, The London Borough of Tower Hamlets hosted The Youth Achievement Awards, a ceremony to recognise the Borough's most inspiring youths. This provided us with the opportunity to put forward our remarkable Youth Services Member, Yaomin.

Yaomin, who has Autism, utilises his diagnosis as a tool to inspire and support others with learning disabilities. He attends our Youth Service three times a week with enthusiasm and makes huge effort to be part of the group, whilst always taking the opportunity to influence others with all that he has achieved. He has already completed a Multi-Skills and Construction Course and is now beginning a Plumbing Course.

Always putting others first, Yaomin often acts as an advisor. He supports others with challenging behaviour and his calm, caring nature has a hugely positive impact on those around him. He is an amazing role model and that is why the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, agreed with us, that Yaomin truly is inspirational and the well deserved winner of the 'Young Achiever of the Year' award 2019.

'Christmas Extravaganza' New Dawn Day Opportunity Service



Well done to all the New Dawn Members and staff who put on a fabulous Christmas Extravaganza for everyone to enjoy! Festive fun for everyone, we're looking forward to the 2020 Christmas show!

Gallery

Best photos from our Services this quarter



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About Us

The Tower Project is a community based voluntary sector organisation and award-winning leading service provider for children and adults with a learning disability, sensory disability, autism, physical disability or health-related issue.

We have successfully delivered our wide range of services throughout London for many years and continue to develop new projects and innovative services for individuals.

The key aims of the The Tower Project are to enable and empower people with disabilities to develop opportunities, become independent, participate fully in education, employment and have a voice in the community.

