

Landau Learning Newsletter

A termly newsletter by Landau's Training and Enterprise Centre, Wellington

Message from our Education Manager

Welcome to our spring newsletter, giving you a flavour of some of the many things that take place at our Wellington Centre.

From in-house construction training and hair and beauty courses to qualifications in maths and English, our Centre certainly delivers a variety of choices for our learners.

This term, a number of our students have been busy preparing for their functional skills exams. For many, this is a daunting experience as it will be the first time they will have ever sat a formal exam. However, with the help of our fantastic tutors and support staff, they have really grown in confidence and I wish them all the best in obtaining those all-important English and maths qualifications.

A number of our learners have also successfully completed their Speaking & Listening and English Reading exams, gaining skills that will really help to improve their communication and comprehension. My congratulations to them all.

Studies for qualifications in Personal & Social Development and Employability are also helping our learners to move closer to achieving their next step, whether that be further education, traineeships, apprenticeships or full-time employment. This month's National Careers Week was a great opportunity to discuss employment opportunities, with a number of external speakers informing and inspiring our students. My thanks to all of the employers who supported our careers week.

I hope you enjoy catching up on our Centre news. One of the recent highlights for me has to be when I heard one of our learners saying:

"I used to wing it all the time but I don't anymore, because winging gets you nowhere and to succeed you have to work hard."

That really was music to my ears.

Nick Wallace
Education Manager



Key Dates

21st March: Open Evening 4pm to 7pm

28th March: Community Action Coffee Morning
(more details below)

3rd-14th April: Easter break for learners

7th & 10th April and 1st, 8th & 29th May:
Bank Holidays - Centre closed



What's Happening In & Out of the Centre

There's been lots happening both in and around the Centre this term and below is a flavour of some of the things we have been doing.

A visit to The Little Green Pantry

As part of the Personal Social Development unit, we've been discussing environmental issues which included a talk by the Climate Action Hub Telford. Our learners also enjoyed a visit to The Little Green Pantry in Wellington, which is a zero-waste shop. The owner shared information on why she had set the shop up, how it works and what the benefits of it are. This was a great opportunity for our learners to understand a different kind of local initiative, with the chance also to explore what was on offer and how they could purchase items if they wanted to.



Food Prep!

Our Study Programme groups have also completed a practical food preparation activity. The learners took over the kitchen in the Centre and had fun making wraps while learning all about personal and kitchen hygiene standards required for food preparation. Food safety in the home and community is one of seven units in which we teach life skills combined with environmental awareness and sustainability.

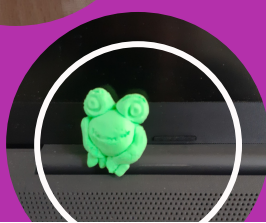


Celebrating Chinese New Year

In celebration of Chinese New Year, our learners enjoyed a spot of dry clay modelling, which included making some very cute-looking animals.

Come to our Coffee Morning

Our learners will be holding a coffee morning at **All Saints Church Hall on Tuesday 28th March, 10 am to 12 noon**. Linked to their Community Action unit, they will be providing coffee, tea, cakes, biscuits, raffle and tombola! All proceeds will be used to support the Telford Sustainability Hub.





Meet our Careers & Engagement Co-ordinator

"Hello everyone. My role involves working with our students right from the beginning of their journey at Landau through to the end, ensuring they are on the right programme and making realistic choices about their education and training. I also help them with their career choices, sourcing work experience and providing advice, information and guidance to help them to reach their full potential.

"Here at Landau, every student gets support with their future planning and progression. We take time to understand where they are now, where they want to get to and the steps they need to take to get there. However, it's not just about supporting them while they are at Landau - we also consider how we can best support our students when they leave us to move on to college, employment or an apprenticeship. My role is to make sure they have the right support to continue their onward journey successfully.

"This month we celebrated National Careers Week and welcomed employers from various sectors to speak to our students. This was a great opportunity to gain knowledge about different roles in different sectors, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the employers who supported this key information sharing week. Special thanks to the Royal Navy and Swanton Care, and to Neil Daws for sharing his engineering journey from apprentice to managing director."

Hayley Foley
Careers and Engagement Co-ordinator



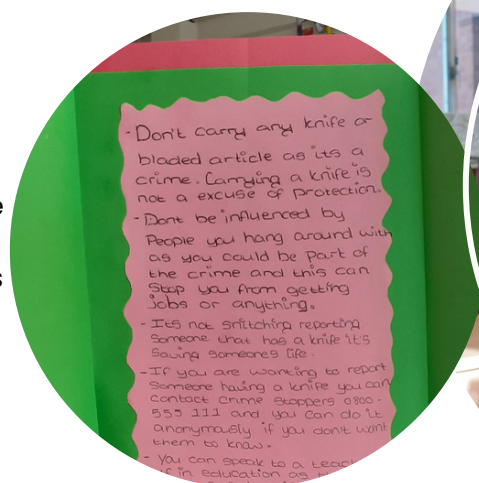
Our Landau Ambassador

Many thanks to our Landau Ambassador, Daniel Noon for paying us a visit to share his learning journey and his dream job with Network Rail; the learners loved hearing about his job. Daniel also talked about his community volunteering work as a litter picker.

Inspired by Daniel's talk, a number of our learners have now signed up to our local Street Champions scheme to help support our local community in keeping Wellington litter free.

Thank you PCSO Andy

Following a very informative talk on knife crime by our local Police Community Support Officer Andy, one of our learners produced a fantastic booklet of advice. This is now going to be used to support sessions in primary and secondary schools. Congratulations to Charlotte - really great work!



Sharing Success

Our learners are at the heart of everything we do and it is wonderful to see just how much they progress when they are given the time and support that they need to develop and grow.

Big Steps for Tobey

"In July of 2019, I started with anxiety and this affected me going into Year 9 the following September. I got through the first week before I told someone about it; they put me on half-days as well as letting me work in a quieter room. I was on half-days until Covid-19 hit and the school closed due to lockdown. I actually enjoyed lockdown as I didn't have to go to school.

"The following September, I started home school which helped as I no longer had to go in to school. However, I still did not like it that much and by April 2021, I had quit and was not in any kind of education. My anxiety was still very high during this time, however I then found out about Landau.

"I was anxious about the taster days but after the first one it got easier. Come September, I was still anxious about starting but each day became easier and I made a really good friend. As I had not taken my GCSEs, my English and maths skills had slipped but now I have moved on a whole level and have attended Landau every day, on time, apart from the week I had Covid!"

Tobey

Great Outcome James!


Another of our former learners is now doing something he loves!

After finishing at Landau in 2019, James struggled to find employment. However, thanks to our involvement with the Building Better Opportunities project (funded by the European Social Fund and the National Lottery Community Fund), we were able to refer James to ANTA, who then arranged a Forklift taster day for James through their connections at Dulson Training.

James was able to use the IT facilities at ANTA to complete his online learning ahead of his theory test. After successfully passing this, he undertook the practical test to gain his Forklift Truck licence and has been smiling ever since!

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