THE ALTERNATIVE CURRICULUM COMPANY

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RESIDENTIAL SCHEMES YOUNG PEOPLE

- Background to the Company
- Programmes Offered
- Evaluation and Feedback
- The Residential Experience
- Questions and Discussion

Company Background

- **Established in 2005**
  - Personal and social development, education and training
  - Dan Searson
  - Mike Parker

- **Company Mission**

  "To Support All Young People to Reach Their True Potential"

Company Background

- **Empowering**
  - through motivation and positive goal setting
  - through structured personal, social and educational development

- **Innovating**
  - Unique, bespoke programmes that support young people
  - New approaches to the development and delivery of effective training and education

- **Challenging**
  - Social and historical attitudes
  - The aspirations of young people

Bespoke Programmes

- Military Challenge Days
- Engagement with Young People Programmes (11 – 16)
- Engagement and Direction Programmes (15 – 18)
- Mainstream Education
- Parent/Child Residential
- Young People’s Residential

Military Challenge Days

"A day of fun activities and constructive team competition for youth groups and youth organisations"

Providing:

- Physical and Mental Stimulation
- Communication & Team Work Skills
- Personal Social Development
- Self-esteem and Self Confidence
- Peer Education and Citizenship – Tolerance & Sharing

Engagement with Young People Programmes

"Programme focused on disaffected and at risk young people: helping them reach their true potential"

- Development of long term personal and social skills
- Leadership and Teamwork Development
- Links to employment
- Accredited Training Courses (eg ASDAN)
- Bespoke sessions – Education, Gang and Knife Crime, Substance Misuse, Health Promotion
- Goal setting and presentation skills

Mainstream Schools

“School Based Programmes focused on Mainstream Education”

- Healthy Lifestyle, Business Enterprise Residential

Residential Activities

"To motivate young people to understand their potential through a structured program that combines fun military and outdoor adventure skills training."

- Residential creates a platform for communication, cooperation and relationship development away from 'daily communities'
- Delivered by ex military personnel in working military barracks providing positive role models and a sense of realism
- Range from 1 – 5 nights in length
- 24 hour supervision

Structured to Foster Key Learning Outcomes

- Respect and Values
- Communication Skills
- Responsibility
- Citizenship
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Trust
- Self Esteem
- Self Confidence
- Environmental Awareness
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Ability to Adapt
- Career Exposure

Residential Activities

- Military themed tasks
- Shelter Building
- Cooking in the Field
- Camouflage and Concealment
- Command Tasks

Residential Activities

- Military Fitness
  - Military Obstacle Course.
  - The young people will sample what it is like to do the tests that the Armed Forces conduct
- Navigation
  - Participants will learn about safe trekking in a rural environment.
  - a medium distance walk across unfamiliar countryside. Learning the art of navigation and teamwork whilst conducting the walk.
- Spontaneous Activity

Residential Activities

- Additional Modules
  - Gun and Knife Crime
  - Substance Misuse
  - Academic Education

- Evening Activities
  - Bonfires
  - Quiz
  - Night Exercises
  - Sports

Feedback

- Detailed Evaluation conducted on all our programmes and includes
  - Retention rates
  - Participant feedback and follow on
  - Organisational Feedback
  - Instructor Feedback
  - Action notes
  - Media – e.g. photographs, video

Testimonials

The service delivery is first class. The range of courses available are most certainly tailored to young people's needs & interests. Kinaesthetic learning styles are most certainly an extremely useful & productive way in which to engage young people. A.C.C do this very well & I would recommend them to any organisation working with young people."

Nigel D'Arcy, Activity Agreement Commissioning Officer, St Helens Connexions

Testimonials

The ACC ran a residential for 40 disengaged youngsters to try and increase motivation, engagement with learning and self discipline. The pupils were given access to outdoor adventure; active recreation; fun and educational workshops in an environment free from the every day limitations of the educational classroom. They came back with a different approach to learning and a change in attitude towards staff. Both staff and pupils at the school would thoroughly recommend working with the ACC to make a difference with their pupils.

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QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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