



PROPS
at the Vassall Centre

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About us

PROPS is a Bristol based charity and was established on 27th July 2001 and registered as a charity on 3rd January 2002. The charity is run by the Board of Trustees and various co-opted volunteers. PROPS deliver a range of vocational coursework and life enhancing opportunities from their base at the Vassall Centre. The objectives of the charity are:

- The advancement of educational and vocational opportunities for young people with learning disabilities
- The promotion of active inclusion for those with special needs into everyday entitlements

Further information is available on request from the address below. Please contact Nick Trivett at the Centre for all enquires of vocational, educational and personal development opportunities.

PROPS. The Governing Body

Chair of Trustees: Mr John Tasker

Trustees: Mr Mark Wilson, Mrs Sarah Deegan, Mr Scott Hutchinson, Mr Christopher Miller, Mr Kevin Smith, Mr Brian Brown, Mrs Lauren Kiddell, Mr Jon Jenkins.

Chief executive: David Reeves

Centre Manager: Nick Trivett

Teaching and Vocational Training staff: Bianca Hill, Edward Thompson, John McGee, Colin Williams, Nikita O'Kane

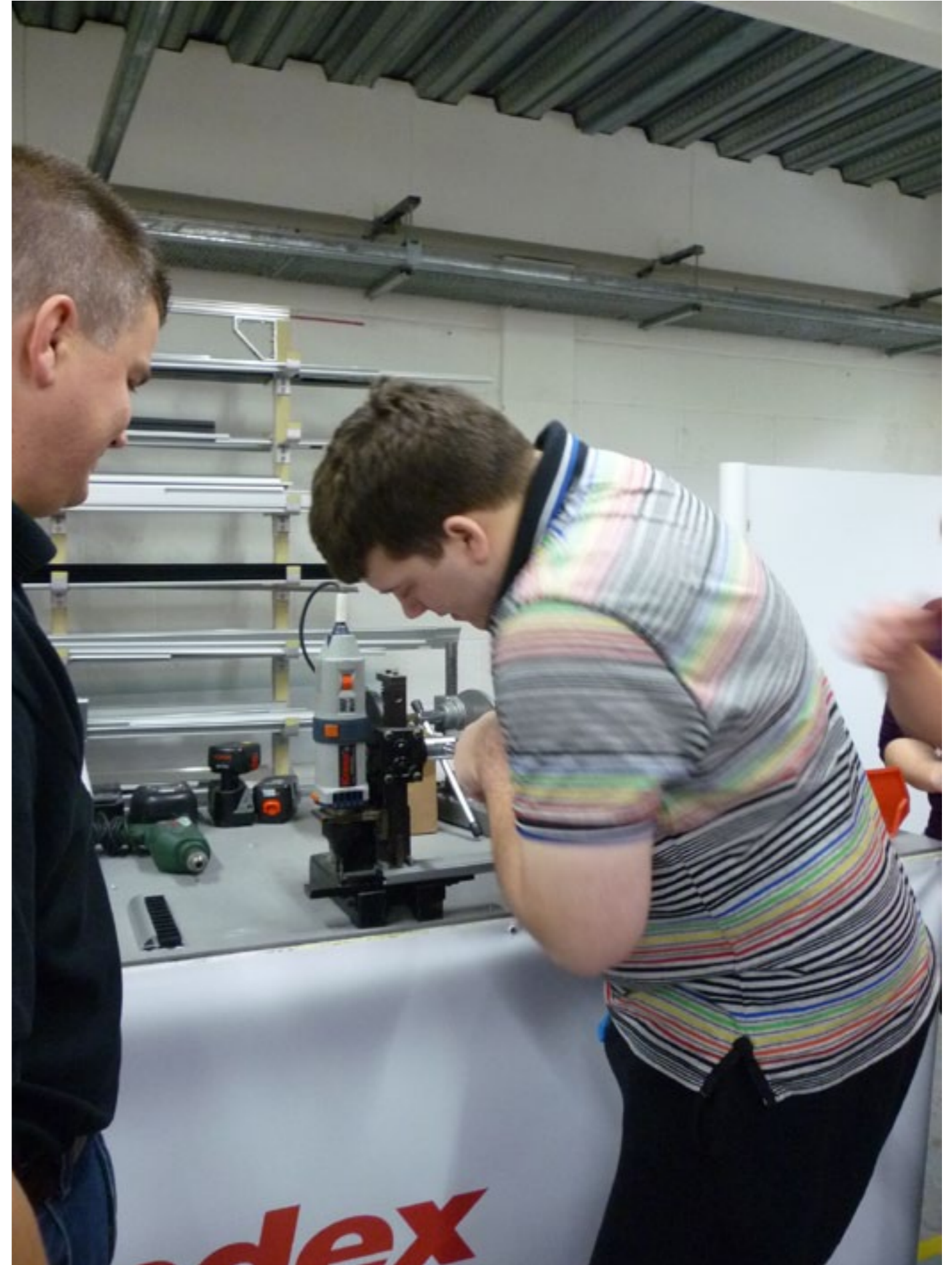
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Fitness for Life

Using community facilities, such as WELSHBACK in Bristol's harbour side, our students have been exploring a range of health related fitness activities to promote healthy lifestyles. We have covered:

Circuit Training

Step Aerobics

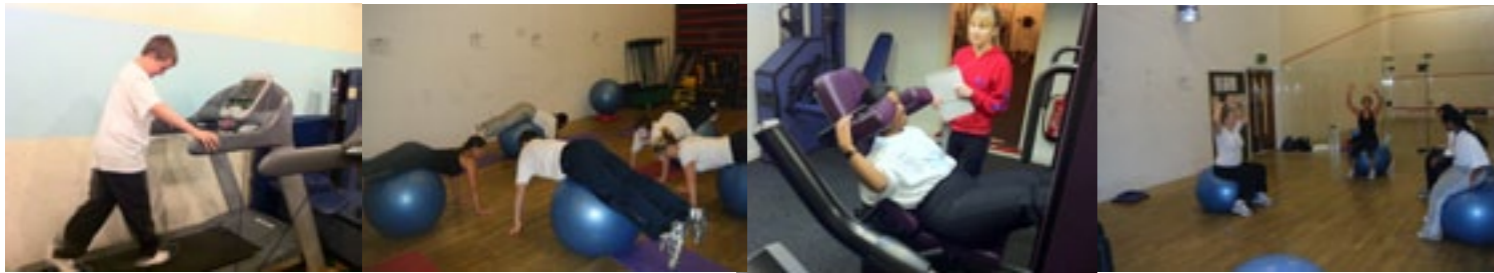
Boxercise

Spin Class

Weight Training



www.youtube.com/user/propsforward.org



" We have hosted the students from PROPS for many years now, and I'm pleased to say that these young adults are really buying into healthy lifestyles. I am so impressed with their ability to take responsibility for themselves"
Steve Pitts. WelshBack Manager

Students following our Fit for life programme gain accreditation from ASDAN sports and Leisure coursework. Health related fitness, sustainable transport, community access, learning new skills and developing independence to freely choose activities are all important issues for us.
"Our cycle course has been especially successful. Together we have adapted a collection of bikes and many students have learned to ride. This year we will be taking three students on our major event of the year: The Bristol to Bordeaux Cycle Challenge" **Jon McGee. Props Tutor**

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Work Experiences

Our students in partnership with IKEA Bristol, undertake sheltered work experiences at their store in the city. Our students follow ASDAN based coursework to develop a range of skills specific to the workplace which are directly transferable to their roles within the Props Business Enterprise.

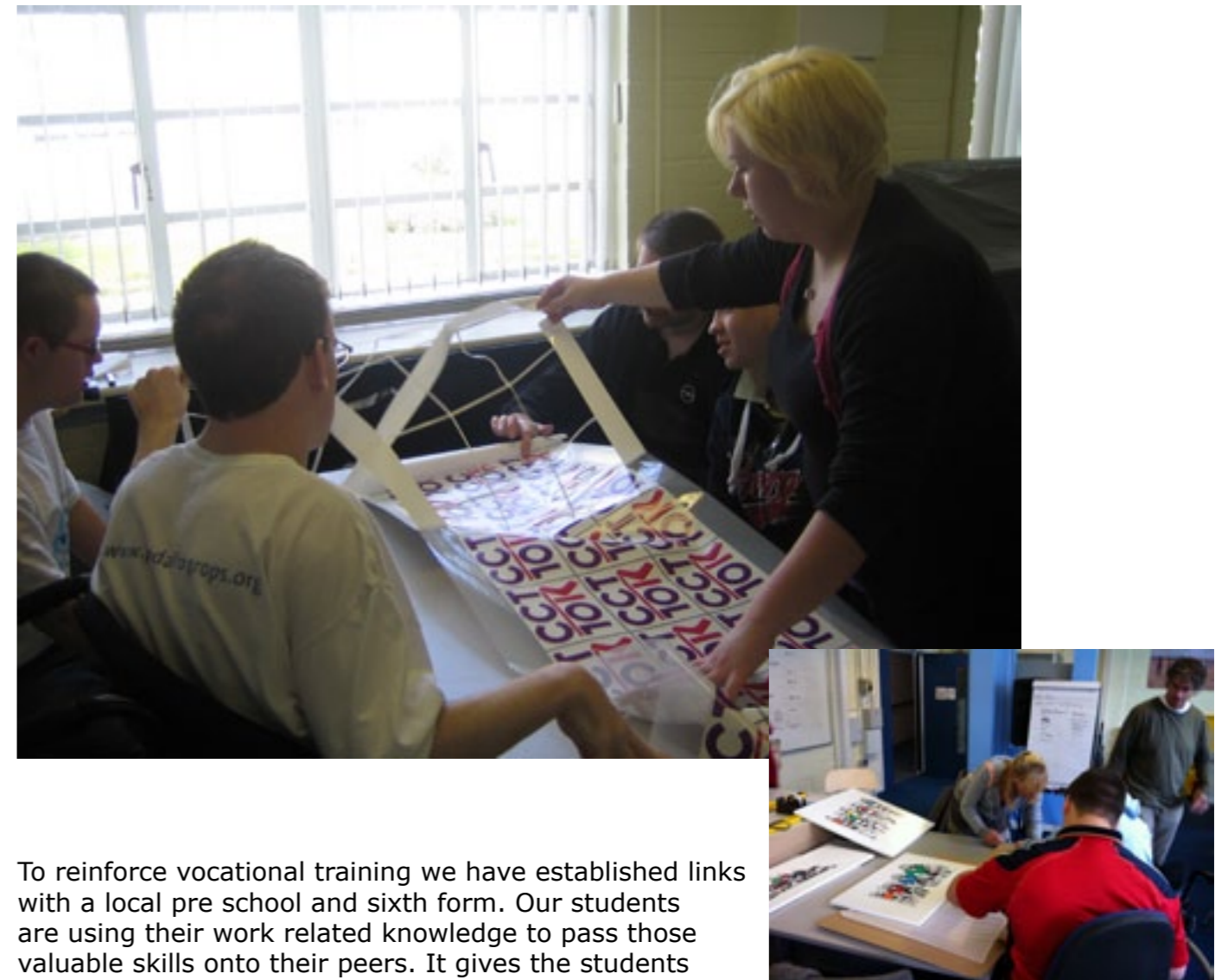


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Peer Mentoring

By entering into partnerships with other community groups, we share skills and services. Members of the PROPS Business Enterprise lead small groups of students by passing their print production and work skills, while developing their confidence and self esteem.

As a member of our social enterprise you will practice your acquired skills on a variety of community groups including those on linked courses



To reinforce vocational training we have established links with a local pre school and sixth form. Our students are using their work related knowledge to pass those valuable skills onto their peers. It gives the students and opportunity to learn how to behave in a mature appropriate manner and take on a level of responsibility. The students have built strong relationships through these transitional periods building self esteem and confidence and gaining a different type of work experience

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Vocational Training

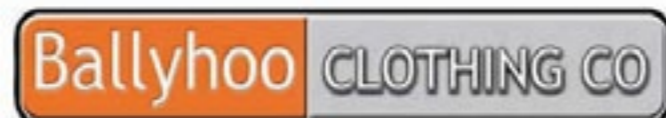
The Props Business Enterprise produces a range of print production goods. We have successfully won contracts from a number of our community partners, including the RAC, WelshBack, Riot Events and many others. Our students have had opportunities to learn and experience new skills throughout the production process, from design and manufacture to delivery and customer service. Their progress is recorded through our course structure.



Students work in a variety of contexts, and develop specialism within the business. Currently students are working towards the ASDAN Work Experience award, Photography and the Diploma in Personal Progress.



All our life enhancing opportunities are structured through an accredited course format, ranging from pre entry level awards to qualifications in Personal Progress. Our coursework is accredited by ASDAN.



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Additional Training

Count on Bath

In association with Bath Rugby Community Department, you will be looking at aspects of personal finance:

Tackling Financial Matters

Understanding Money- Passing the Payslip Test

Kicking Debt into Touch and Borrowing Money

Rucking to the Future- Savings and Pensions

Full Time to Finance

Count on Bath is an initiative put together by Bath Rugby Community Foundation in association with the Kingswood Foundation



In partnership with Barclays our students have had a professional input into the world of money, and handling money. This is a very important aspect of the Props Business Enterprise as we strive to build the skills to expand our company.



Spandex Modular Sign Course

All our students have chance to take part in the Spandex Modular Sign Course. This partnership with one of Europe's leading sign and digital print companies involves attendance at their workshops at AZTEC WEST. Here students experience the range of signage equipment available and are tutored through a range of skills they will need in their day to day tasks at the PROPS Business Enterprise



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