

Independent Travel Training Newsletter – April 2022



On Your Marks... Get Set!!

Independent Travel Training is Back...

Well, what can we say!!! It has been a strange time over the past 18 months, with the pandemic interrupting our training. I can now happily say we are slowly but surely getting back to normal. Over the past 6 months we have been training young people on walking routes to school/college and have just started to introduce training on short public transport routes.

Many of you may be feeling anxious about letting your child use public transport again, but I can assure you that in consultation with public health we have updated our risk assessments and training processes, as the welfare of all our trainees are our main concern. We are desperate to get back out there to give our young people the chance to build on life skills, overcome challenges, and be able to access so many more opportunities.

Going Forward

This is the first time we have put together a newsletter about Independent Travel Training, and hopefully you will find it useful and interesting. We are looking at producing the newsletter once a term, with various updates and stories about our young people and all the good things they are involved in.

We are looking at introducing a competition each year that all young people can get involved with, so please keep an eye out for that, and we would also like to invite parents/carers to let us have their ideas of the kind of things they would like to see in our newsletter. Please get in touch and tell us more.

Things To Look Out For

Travel Training and Road Safety Taster Sessions

We are looking at putting together several 'taster' sessions for any young person who would benefit from having a fully supported 121 sessions with our Assessment Officers. This taster session can be around the local area, and simply give the young person experience of travelling on public transport and getting to a known location. Many young people may never have experienced travelling on public transport before, or even walking to the local shop so these sessions will give them chance to do that.

If you are interested in this for your child/young person and would like to know more then please get in touch.

Road Safety Information

Road safety is an extremely important skill, which can be quite difficult when training a child/young person with additional needs. Each term we will provide you with help and support on areas to work on, and any resource ideas to do at home.

Introduction to Tyler Williams and his Top Tips

Tyler Williams is a young person who we have been working with in a variety of ways for several years. Each term, Tyler will be giving us an update of what he's been up to, plus his top tips. This is going to be exciting!!!



Good News Stories

Each term we want to let everyone know about our good news stories, and the brilliant work our trainees have done.

Something New

We also want to report on anything new we have come across that would help any young people when out and about. This might include new initiatives put in place by agencies like South Yorkshire Police, or other organisations

Contact Details

If you would like to contact us about travel training, anything that has been mentioned in this newsletter, or any ideas you would like to see in our newsletter then please get in contact. Please feel free to email us at Indetravel@sheffield.gov.uk or phone us on 0114 2053542.