

What's going on • Spring/Summer 2020

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ASDAN Success



Daniel, from supported living and Toni, who is supported at our outreach service have both worked really hard on their separate ASDAN modules. ASDAN have a range of programmes and qualifications that young people can undertake to help develop knowledge and skills for learning, work and life.

Daniel chose to study the module, Introduction to Numeracy, as he felt he didn't achieve what he wanted to in this area at school, whereas Toni decided to use her existing knowledge and love for animals to complete an Animal Care module.

The lovely thing about ASDAN is the accessibility and inclusiveness it has for all adults regardless of their support needs, learning styles and communication.

Daniel and Toni have both spent some time during their services to work on their different projects and with the support of their teams have successfully incorporated learning into daily activities. Toni realised whilst shopping that she was able to take pictures of herself buying Tess, her dog, a treat and could use the images in her portfolio to show how she understood the needs of her dog. Likewise, Daniel showed brilliant and creative ideas whilst making lunch where he made shapes out of blueberries and took photos for his numeracy portfolio to show his understanding of shapes. Both Toni and Daniel have developed new skills during their learning journeys, such as carrying out surveys and showing the information in a graph, which Daniel excelled at. Toni also had the opportunity to build on her existing knowledge of animals by using the internet and reference books to gather information to complete worksheets.

Both Toni and Daniel have shown enthusiasm and motivation in completing their modules. Toni's mother, Lorna, commented that it's been lovely to see Toni engage in a learning activity this way, as this is something she has not shown in the past.

Daniel was thrilled to receive his certificate recently explaining that all his hard work has paid off and Toni was able to show her certificate to family and friends over the festive period. Toni and Daniel are looking forward to completing their next modules this year. Well done to you both!

2019 at Blue Central



At the end of 2018, Blue Central made the decision to make 2019 a year of giving. They decided that each month they would undertake a project that benefited either the community or the environment.

Over the year, Blue Central set up a bird feeding station and a bug hotel at the unit. They also built butterfly and bird boxes for the local community garden project. Some of the staff took part in volunteer dog walking and litter picking, an amazing £213 was raised for the MacMillan Coffee Morning. Blue Central staff and supported individuals also took part in the local Festival of Fun and collected Easter eggs and Christmas hampers for local charities.

In addition to our charitable activities, it was a busy year with Blue Central's usual Valentine's Day and Burns Day celebrations, summer BBQ, camping as well as Halloween and Christmas parties. The year ended with a special trip to see The Lion King at the Edinburgh Playhouse.

Another great year for everyone at Blue Central – here's to 2020!

Project Lightyear

Scottish Autism has invested in a Digital Transformation Project, which aims to improve the delivery of quality services to the individuals we support, better engage staff and improve our support activities. Access Care Planning, our electronic support planning system, will offer a number of benefits:

- Consistency of care through staff having easier access to support plans and schedules through a mobile device
- Improved communication between staff as all information can be viewed in real time, meaning they will be reviewing or updating live information, in the palm of their hands



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- Autistic individuals will have greater access and opportunities to input into their own support plan
- Parents and carers will be able to review information related to the support of their family members

We are also implementing a new rota management system and a number of back office systems which will help provide a single view of Scottish Autism, with real time information.

Training is now being delivered across the organisation with all staff using the systems by April 2020. If you are interested in finding out more about the new systems, please contact the managers at your service.

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