



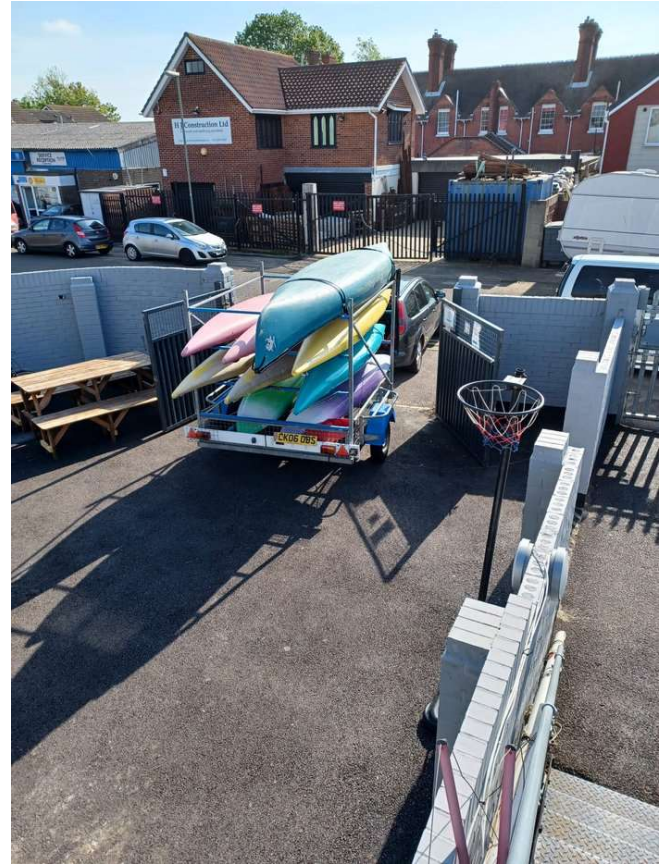
An Alternative approach to Education

## Newsletter Summer 1 2023

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### **New term, New schools.**

What an amazing summer 1 term we have had. It has been great to see our site working to capacity and the workshops buzzing with activity. We have a 'semi-production line' of paddles being planed, carved and shaped to perfection and our fabulous new kayaks and trailer are busy out and about getting more of our students on the water. We have seen so much engagement in all aspects of Plan B's alternative provision that gives huge hope for the future and encouragement that we are working to the best of our students abilities. In return, we are seeing kindness and inclusion from each and every one of our students which makes us proud and humbled to witness on a daily basis.



## The importance of transitions

Whether it is from Infants to Juniors, Juniors to secondary, secondary to Further education and beyond, it is essential to get the transition right to ensure a seamless (as it can be) and consecutive beginning. At Plan B, we strive for all activities to have a clear, start, middle and end as it gives our students a clear pattern of expectations, which carries through life. Transition in education not only gives closure and a conclusion to the past placement, but also a focal/starting point for future endeavours. To aid transition, we have opened our provision up to a number of students in need of this extra support, and hope to remain a 'constant' alongside their mainstream education until they are settled.



## Schools, students and a variation of provision

Our provision at Plan B works best if it is alongside schools placements and we work hard to fill a gap in provision whilst supporting students to enjoy the best of everything education can offer. We know our USP of marine industry experience, skills and qualifications as a route to employment is strong. But our focus is also around attendance and engagement, and where we can also help students to gain further skills to help them achieve futures of fore filling and independent lives. This term the music room has been humming courtesy of the fab **Music Matters**, with students learning to play drums, guitar and mix on the decks. The kitchen pots and pans have also been bubbling with activity with a range of dishes being served to students and staff most days, giving us a varied, nutritious and balance diet alongside learning skills for independent living.



## Governance, oversight and accountability

As Plan B is a Not For Profit, Community Interest Company (CIC) we have to follow the very strict guidelines given to us by companies house. This means that we have to abide by the same rules as all other business's in the UK do, which dictates our structure and leads our governance. A large part of this includes having independent oversight of our 'frontline' work by 'Members' with specific skill sets to not only support our work, guide our hand but also check we are accountable for all aspects of our organisation. For this, we are extremely lucky to have support from 3 volunteers with vast knowledge and experience in their chosen fields. Our esteemed Members will be introduced in our half termly newsletter, as you can read in our 'Member profile' below.



## Gosport Road Runners and the Gosport Half Marathon fund

We already loved our neighbours at our fab Park street workshops, but it seems that they love us too.

We had a lovely surprise this half term, the wonderful Kass of Moreland Motors had nominated us as a beneficiary of the Gosport Half Marathon fund. She said it was because 'The children you work with always look so happy to be at Plan B'. This nomination could not have come a a better time for us and after an inspiring evening where we rubbed shoulders with people from the most amazing community projects, we were handed a cheque for £1000.00. This allowed us to purchase a 12 kayak trailer, 5 more kayaks and lots of paddles we were desperately in need of. Needless to say, our staff have signed up, and are now training for the Gosport Half Marathon 2023.



**If we continue to add more amazing supporters to this list, it will need a newsletter of its own. But once again  
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## MEMBER PROFILE:

**Mentor, advocate and advisor**

# Hereward Drummond

After a career in finance, it is a privilege to be a part of Plan B where young people, who have had a difficult start in life, are given a stable environmental in which to learn the necessary skills to make a major contribution to society.





## STUDENTS PROFILE:

Whilst Plan B remains a bespoke, specialist Alternative provision, we continue to strive for inclusivity as opposed to exclusivity. To this end, this term we have welcomed 12 students from a fantastic mainstream secondary school who are benefitting from vocational education. They have been working hard in our carpentry workshop and are enjoying learning new skills. They are also taking advantage of the Spring weather as we are also able to take them out on the water to learn to canoe and kayak, thanks to our new trailer and equipment.



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