



Newsletter Autumn 2022

We are into our new workshop.

11 th August 2022 was a big day for the team of staff and volunteers at Plan B. We got the keys for our great new workshops and finally stepped over the threshold. It gave us 8 days until our open day to turn a blank canvas into a living breathing, functional space that students would engage with. In true Plan B style, we got stuck straight in. Luckily, and with some forward planning, we had lots of the machinery, tooling and equipment ready to move in. It was a big relief for our Workshop manager to install our hand-crafted benches, as he then got his own shed space back where they had been stored for the previous month. A big thanks to everyone who helped us make this happen. This is truly a project created by our community to help and support



Plan B Open Day.

Thank you to the Fabulous Mayor of Gosport Councillor Jamie Hutchinson, his wife Karen and all the supporters from our community and beyond for attending our open day. Our guests were all treated to a tour of the new site and an overview of developments so far and our plans for the future. Visitors were encouraged to pick up some tools and help carve a Plan B plaque for our reception area and under careful guidance have managed to create a piece of work for everyone to see as they enter.



Dame Caroline Dinenage DBE MP visits Plan B Alternative Provision.

Plan B trainees and staff were delighted to welcome Dame Caroline Dinenage DBE MP to their new marine industry skills training centre in Gosport.



Caroline caught up on the development of Plan B's post 16 provision and its mission to help train students from 16-24 years old with experience, skills, and qualifications as a route to employability within the marine Industry and beyond. Caroline went on to look at the new carpentry workshop and meet Trainees who were proud to show off their work, including a beautifully handmade paddle crafted by one of Plan B's high achieving students who has worked alongside the team for 5 years now, starting the programme when he was 12 years old having fallen out of the mainstream school system. Another student received high praise from Caroline for his newly built, and beautifully finished trestles on which was a small rowing skiff, currently under construction and will be the second of its type built by the trainees, under the watchful eye of Plan B's workshop manager, Jesse Doyle.



Thank you, thank you, thank you.

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STAFF PROFILE:

Workshop Manager

Jesse Doyle

Talented Instructor and Boat builder with a love for wood...



STUDENT PROFILE:

Luke Symonds

Facing permanent exclusion from school. Placed on our Marine industry project. He is now Married, has 2 children and a career in the Marine Industry.



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