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We hope you are doing well during this enduring pandemic. Whilst there are signs that life is slowly returning to normal everyone at #Focus5 remains dedicated to assisting our young people in a safe way. So, you may have noticed that your local coffee shop is open again but #Focus5 is not quite ready to go back to face-to-face appointments just yet. We are currently working on a plan to return to our more traditional service and seeing what practises we can maintain from our remote working. Our key workers have noticed that working remotely has increased the speed at which CV's are completed and jobs identified and applied for. However, working on feelings of isolation or building a young person's confidence is proving to be a bit more difficult from a distance.

We are still taking referrals during the pandemic and have made a few changes to the wording on our website to help people who are considering making a referral to us. You will see the new changes on our homepage and on the referral section next time you visit.

Below are some highlights during the last quarter, we hope you enjoy reading them and please remember to stay safe.

Stats: Total figures to date



353 leavers



61
Job Searching



202
Into Education
or training



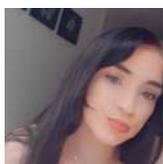
90
Into
Employment

Success



Failure is more about *not* trying

Click the image to learn how one young person challenged his self-limiting beliefs, as told by his key worker Kerren.



Molly's story: following a passion for childcare.

Click the image to learn how Molly has overcome traumas to find her path into childcare.

Covid-19



How Covid-19 has changed the way we work

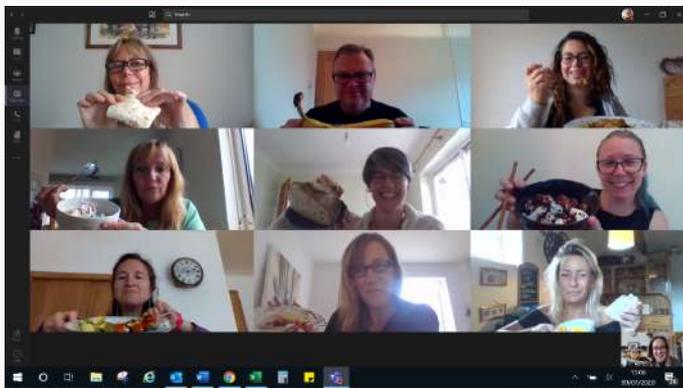
Everyone has had to make adjustments to cope with the current pandemic. Click the image to find out how we've adapted so we can still provide a service for our young people.



Make your own face mask

Some of our young people have been busy learning new skills by making face masks. So to help you, or someone you know, one of our key workers made a web page full of instructions so you can make your own. Click the image for more.

Going Green



We recently had a sustainable lunch (safely, via Microsoft Teams) to champion sustainable eating. There rules were quite simple, it had to be made from low carbon footprint ingredients, fair trade ingredients, required little to no energy to prepare or was made from leftovers.

This is also a great way for us to catch up with colleagues across our team. We're such a caring and sociable bunch that being kept apart is challenging for us, so it was great to virtually hang-out with each other.

News From Our Partners



Young Somerset have launched their virtual wellbeing hub. [Click here](#) if you are a young person, parent or guardian to find out what support is available in your area.

Helpful Information



[Click here](#) to read more about See, Hear, Respond. This is a partnership between Bernardos and other charities (funded by the Department for Education) to help children, young people and families cope with the Covid-19 crisis.