



Digital Heroes Awards 2015

DoorWays Youth Project Saltburn

Enabling change in Young people

“Digital DoorWays – an opening to young people”

Talk Talk Digital Heroes voting has begun and John has been nominated under the category – Employment. VOTE: <http://digitalheroes.talktalk.co.uk/vote/> voting closes 8th September.

The Doorways youth project has been meeting the needs of young people (13-25 yrs), often those in most need / homeless / unemployed etc. for over 17-years. The project has always strived to be relative in the way we engage with young people, often searching for new innovative ways to interact at the right level. Our facebook page Redcar and Cleveland Jobs has now reached over 3,100 likes and reaches over 5,000 people each week. It is good to see the positive sharing and comments / tags within this page (often facebook is regarded as place to enter with caution).

Designing Smartphone applications, with the support (youth language) from our young people is exciting and we are currently chasing new designs.

Trying to run creative projects and have young people turn out to our drop-in sessions is always hard work. Hava Word <http://dwyyp2015.wix.com/hava-word> is a virtual project that any young person can engage in through the website or indeed come along to our sessions as well.

Further developments are looking at mixing video / animation / story telling into another project. This is being tested out and we are currently looking for funding to bring it to reality. There will be elements of learning within this project and we are being supported by three young art students to lay down the foundations. I am very excited by the enthusiasm of our youth but also much aware of the desperate needs. I spend a lot of time in counselling / life coaching young people who have depression, addiction, lack of aspiration.

I am pleased to be given this chance to take part in Talk Talk Digital Heroes and would be very pleased to bring some much needed funding to our project. “Digital DoorWays”

Do please share with friends and colleagues.