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teamwork in the community. It involves a week's residential at an activity centre, participating in a team challenge, undertaking a local community project, completing work placements and staging a team presentation.

Team has thrived in Kent with the help of delivery partner Creating Futures Ltd and as a result of various groups of young people's hard work; areas in need of rejuvenation and refurbishment have been transformed. Each Team contributes approximately £7,250 to the local community through the voluntary work they do and it can range from redecorating a school nursery, to sprucing up a local youth club or sports ground to working with the elderly and organising activities such as afternoon teas and day trips for the care home.

'Get Into'

For the first time in the South East a course designed to get young unemployed people from Kent and Medway to gain work skills within the construction industry was launched in June 2007.

The two-week 'Get Into Construction' course runs in partnership with construction giant Carillon in Sittingbourne, giving groups of 18-to-25-year-olds a taster in new skills such as carpentry, bricklaying and tiling. Individuals also enter for a Construction Industry Health and Safety Test, which gives them a Construction Skills Certificate Scheme card (CSCS) and means they can work safely on a building site.

Simon Fulford, South East Regional Director for The Prince's Trust, said: "This programme gives young

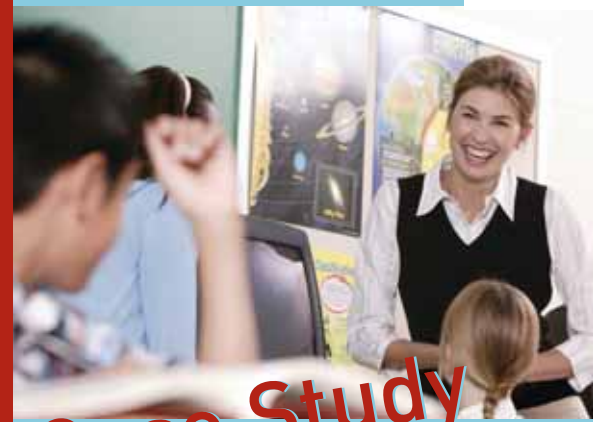
unemployed people the opportunity to learn vital trade skills and improve their confidence. This is key when trying to get a job in the construction industry."

Those who complete the course will receive six months further support from The Trust to build upon their new skills and confidence, helping them gain jobs or further training within the construction industry.

Fundraising

This year The Prince's Trust in the South East has to raise £1 million a week to continue its vital work. To help with this target the local Trust office in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, organises annual fundraising events such as a greyhound race night at Sittingbourne Greyhound Stadium and a golf tournament at Chart Hills Golf Course. For further details on how you can attend these events please contact The Prince's Trust office on 01622 694280.

Further information on The Prince's Trust can be found by visiting www.princes-trust.org.uk or call 0800 842 842



Case Study

One young person who has benefited from The Trust's Business Programme is Karl Gannon, who set-up **Education Sense Ltd**, a recruitment agency specialising in placing teachers in schools.

Before Karl, 28, from Maidstone, got in touch with The Trust he was at a difficult point in his life. With his current job in recruitment coming to an end and suffering from dyslexia and dyspraxia, which hindered his administration skills.

Karl had always wanted to start his own business and, as he had experience in the recruitment industry, thought this would be an ideal opportunity.

The Trust helped Karl compile a business plan and in July 2006 he gave a presentation of his plan to a Trust business panel. The panel were suitably impressed with Karl's ideas and his hopes to be the first recruitment agency specialising in placing teachers in special needs schools and awarded him a £2,400 loan and a volunteer business mentor.

Since the business launched at Karl's home it has gone from strength-to-strength, growing 20% month on month and employing five office staff. Karl's volunteer business mentor has also been particularly helpful giving advice regarding tax and VAT issues.

After nearly a year of trading Karl has high hopes for the future and plans to expand the business to take on clients from other counties in the South East.