

Why change? Why NOW?

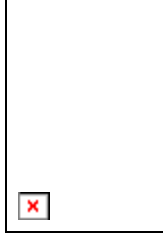
The Ocean Estate and Stepney Green have one of the highest levels of drug dealing in London. Many young people get involved because there is nothing better to do or they are bored or they need money or think it is cool or just why not?

...is that right? Is this really what we want for ourselves?

STOP! THINK! WHAT DO YOU WANT?
...for the rest of your life!



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What is “U turn” Project?

“U turn” Project is a local initiative in Stepney which supports young people 16-25 years old who have been involved in gang related incidents and drug dealing, to find a way back to the mainstream society and help find new employment opportunities. The project meets young people at the point where they are in their lives and works together with them to change behaviour patterns and to find suitable employment.

The project is being delivered in partnership with 3 key local providers the Arbour, Salvation Army Stepney and Ocean JobShop; bringing together all their skills and expertise in order to create a successful project for local young people.

What are the project aims?

- Provide young people with the necessary skills and support to be able to succeed in the job market.
- Find work placements and employment opportunities for young people who have been involved in gang related incidents and drug dealing.
- Provide support and advice to young people who want to change their situation.
- Help to encourage and nurture young people who want to become positive role models within the local community

Programme

The project is being delivered as an intensive intervention over 4 weeks in July 2008 (project starts 30/06/08 - finishes 25/07/08). Anyone interested in the project will have to commit to the project as a whole. Daily for 4 weeks – Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4pm.

The Project has 3 elements:

Job preparation and search - learn where to look for jobs, make a CV, fill in application forms, get ready for interviews and get the job you really want!

Soft skills training – skills you need for every job- communication, team work, time management, planning and customer services.

Work placement – get the real life experience of a work environment. - 1 day placement a week at local organisation or business.

What, where and how?

If you are interested in the project and would like to have an informal and confidential chat with someone about this project you can call **Masadur 07508019102** or **02077906578**.

He is a local youth worker @ the Arbour Youth Centre who will be working on the project with you providing support and encouragement. You do not have to commit to anything; just give him a call and find out more about the project.