Scott Noon

Scott Noon did an apprenticeship and will talk about his apprenticeship journey, the reasonable adjustments made by the training providers and employers, his achievements and award.

Katherine Jennick

Young people all have unique skills and qualities but they often struggle to recognise these strengths within themselves. This can impact their self-esteem, and also their self-awareness for making choices and planning for their future. In this presentation, I will give you a demonstration of What's your Strength?, a card activity that I created to help young people realise how amazing they are! You will also get a sneak preview of an exciting new resource coming soon which I am making in collaboration with The Skills Builder Partnership and several SEN specialists across the country.

I'm Katherine Jennick, the creator of What's Your Strength?, cards to help young people build self confidence and self esteem by discovering their own skills and qualities. I am a Level 6 qualified Careers Adviser with over 20 years experience of supporting young people and was shortlisted for the CDI Careers Adviser of the Year 2020. I am passionate about using innovative techniques to provide an inclusive service and help to empower young people to recognise their own brilliance!

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We all know how much easier it is to get ourselves and others out of bed when we are motivated— we have more energy, enjoy ourselves more, we learn more and we are engaged.

Discovering what motivates the young people we work with is key. We all have different motivators. Discover more about these motivators and the impact they have on everything we do and learn simple ways to use this knowledge to support young people to shine.

Sarah Stones is a Motivation Specialist who is passionate about helping people to shine. She combines her knowledge of intrinsic motivation, solutions focussed work and positive psychology with a practical, solutions focussed approach.

Sarah is a Licensed Practitioner of Motivational Maps® and enjoys using Motivational Maps to support and enable others to find out what motivates them and, importantly, understand how to ensure those needs are being met.

Sarah works closely with schools, organisations and parents/guardians to support young people. Sarah delivers coaching, fun, informative workshops for students and parents and CPD sessions that support SLT’s, teachers and their students. She has a special interest in supporting disadvantaged young people, students with high ability who are failing to achieve and those with special educational needs.

Sarah understands the many challenges faced by people with disabilities, as she has always lived with a disability. This has never stopped her doing anything she has wanted and been motivated to do, and achieve.
Henrietta Valler-Still

Henrietta Valler-Still is an Enterprise Coordinator within the East Sussex Careers Hub with a specialism in SEND. The core work of the Careers Hub at East Sussex County Council, is influenced by the Careers and Enterprise Company. It is in this vein that Henrietta works towards building a network of employers (Enterprise Advisers) that engages and supports special schools and educational settings to improve their careers, employability and enterprise activities for young people with SEND.

Henrietta supports partnerships of employers, schools, colleges and other stakeholders to focus their efforts on career development programmes, activities and resources which motivate young people, support independent choice and support positive outcomes for young people with SEND. Moreover, Henrietta works closely with the supported employment forum in East Sussex to improve employment pathways for young people with SEND (up to 25 years old), including and through supported internships, traineeships and apprenticeships.

Henrietta also runs a local East Sussex SEND Community of Practice, and is very much a part of conversations and communities nationally and internationally that work towards positive outcomes for young people with SEND. Henrietta sits on the steering group of NSEF, National Supported Employment Forum, their mission is to ensure that every young person with SEND has access to a good quality Supported Internship in their local area.
Rundip Thind

Rundip Thind is the Education Officer at Disability Rights UK and has run the Disabled Student Helpline for the past nine years and maintains the Disability Rights UK education related factsheets and guides, including Into Higher Education. She also has experience as a benefits adviser and as an employment adviser on the Pathways to Work programme, supporting people with long term health conditions and impairments to find and stay in work. Rundip holds a Law degree from Bournemouth University.

Fiona Barrett

Fiona is the Director of Operations at Genius Within CIC with overall responsibility for our Social Justice Projects. She is responsible for leading, developing and supporting the Senior Leadership Team to drive performance and develop customer relationships. Fiona is an experienced frontline senior manager, specialising in implementation and leading high performing teams in the Employability Sector.

Combining her public sector knowledge, she can bring together an in-depth understanding of employability alongside diversity and inclusion. She recognises the barriers that people with disabilities face, and has a working knowledge of how to support individuals and businesses to overcome them.
Anna Morrison

Anna Morrison CBE is the Director and founder of Amazing Apprenticeships, an organisation that has two main priorities; to raise awareness of the fantastic benefits of apprenticeships and other vocational pathways, and to ensure that disadvantaged and vulnerable individuals are given equal access to those opportunities.

Amazing Apprenticeships create and publish a range of inspirational and interactive resources to support teachers, students, parents & carers, employers and other stakeholders to understand the fantastic range of apprenticeships available and to help them to feel confident and informed about the next steps to take.

Anna has worked in the sector for 22 years and was recognised for her service to apprenticeships in the 2019 Queen’s Birthday Honours.

Anna’s career in the FE Sector has been wide ranging and has led to being involved in the inception, creation and delivery of a wide range of educational programmes, including; Community Learning, Adult Leisure Learning, Provision for the Unemployed, Professional programmes, Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Adult Education Budget, Study Programmes, Training Provider Development, Full Cost / Commercial programmes and more recently with T Levels.

Anna also manages the Beds, Herts and Milton Keynes Provider Network, a network of around 60 different training providers and stakeholder organisations. She holds positions on the Hertfordshire LEP Skills Advisory Panel, Careers Hubs in Luton and Hertfordshire and is also a Non-Exec Director for two sport and community focussed training providers.

Anna is passionate about social mobility and works tirelessly to ensure that apprenticeship opportunities are made available and accessible to underrepresented groups. Amazing Apprenticeships has developed a range of social mobility support activities for the sector, working closely with the Sutton Trust, Social Mobility Commission and other leading organisations to help employers and providers to increase their understanding and awareness of the issues and challenges affecting the sector, and how we can work together to find and implement solutions.
More recently Anna has been involved in sharing best practice internationally, including speaking at the Spanish Dual VET conference in Barcelona and developing partnership opportunities with Australia, Cyprus and the US state Delaware.

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**Jane Hatton**

Jane is a disabled social entrepreneur, TEDx Speaker and author. She founded the award-winning social enterprise Evenbreak in 2011.

Widely published in inclusive recruitment, including “A Dozen Brilliant Reasons to Employ Disabled People” (2017) and “A Dozen Great Ways to Recruit Disabled People” (2020), she is on the executive board of the Recruitment Industry Disability Initiative, a Patron of Arkbound Foundation and a Trustee of Action on Disability and Development International. Winning a number of inclusion awards, she was 7th on the Shaw Trust Power 100 ‘Britain’s Most Influential Disabled People’ list in 2019.

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**Louise Worts**

My name is Louise Worts, I am part of the Leadership team at Daventry Hill School and have responsibility in overseeing the educational provision for students in KS4 and KS5. Since September 2019, I have worked to establish a Post 16 provision. Passionate about working with and delivering the best possible outcomes for students with SEN. Outside of teaching, I enjoy travelling, and spending time with friends and family.
Michael Vermeersch

Michael is the Digital Inclusion Lead at Microsoft UK Consultancy Services; Michael observes that barriers to Digital Transformation have to be overcome to reach promised business value. Accessibility is one of these barriers.

Using his creative neuro-diverse thinking and passion for inclusion, Michael created the Digital Inclusion offering, helping organisations gain greater business advantage, embedding this in their transformational journeys.

Michael also chairs Microsoft’s UK Disability Employee Resource Group and was invited to 10 Downing Street to present his views on bringing disabled talent into work.

Recently, Michael received Microsoft’s highest Platinum Club award for his work in disability inclusion.

Thomas Cliffe

Having spent ten years working with young adults across a range of educational provisions, Tom set up TRACK in 2018. With a simple aim – to support autistic adults to access employment. With a clear training focus on supporting organisations to make small environmental changes which could make a life changing difference, we have now delivered training across a variety of industries, hoping to create opportunities for both businesses and individuals.
Martin McLean

Martin McLean is the Post-14 Policy and Practice lead at the National Deaf Children’s Society. He was born profoundly deaf and is passionate about ensuring deaf children and young people have access to education and training that enables them to achieve their potential. Martin sits on advisory groups at the Department for Education and the Office of the Independent Adjudicator. Prior to working at the National Deaf Children’s Society, Martin worked in the further and higher education sectors in a range of roles, including providing study support to disabled students.

Jacqui Dobson

Jacqui has been working for the Financial Times for the last 11 years and in media for around 25 years. Jacqui is the FT D&I Partner with a remit of creating a portfolio of early career programmes that support our diversity and inclusion recruitment goals.