Developing the Individual as well as the business!

‘The only organisation I know of who actually provide support for aspiring entrepreneurs, through the entire process of self-employment.’ Simon Watson

Simon is one of our attendees who has no business idea and has been attending the sessions to explore self-employment and identify the skills he has that can help him in finding meaningful occupation. In the latest fortnightly meet up, the group worked together with the use of the Matrix board to help Simon explore his options by identifying his key skills and interests. Having done so, Simon can now see he has a lot of potential business routes to go down with the many skills and interests he possesses—whether that be self-employment or not.

“Simon is a great example of how we support a wide range of people within Telford, including those that do not have a business idea and are in the very early stages of self-employment. I can see Simon enjoys coming to the sessions to network, gain a wealth of information and share his knowledge with the rest of the group. It was great to see Simon in the latest meet up working with the group to identify where his skills and interests can lead him in life. I can see his confidence growing as well as his business ideas!” - Lauren Jones, Wave-length

What’s been going on?

We have recently changed the structure of our Introductory workshops and meet ups.

New attendees will now be invited to attend a full day introductory workshop (10am—4.30pm) opposed to the original two half-day workshops.

This means we are now able to hold fortnightly meet ups opposed to monthly so that attendees are not left as long without further development sessions of their choice.

Attendees have also been gaining much from shaping their own learning by determining the workshops subject matter. So far we have had talks held by experts in the areas of Premises & Funding, Setting up your business as a Social Enterprise and Website Design.

As a result of the new fortnightly meet ups and giving attendees control over their own learning, we can see the group progressing at a steady and comfortable pace to making their ambitions come true. We have now seen 5 of our attendees progress to the NEA.

What’s coming up?

We have been looking into an opportunity for attendees to design and create a workshop that aims to brief local service providers on the Junction Box programme and how it can help the groups they support. We feel this would be empowering for the group and demonstrate the work of Wave-length as well as the success off the Junction Box attendees.

Our next full day introductory workshop will be held in February at Meeting Point House on Wednesday 18th February. We also have our next fortnightly meet up on Wednesday 11th January.

We now have a website set up for our Junction Box programme which can be found at: https://sites.google.com/site/junctionboxnews/