

Open Day

The changeover to Azure Charitable Enterprises has been very successful and everyone is getting used to the new name surprisingly quickly. We are very grateful to everyone involved with the Charity for their support and patience during the name change.



Azure Employment Services will be holding an Open Day at Azure's Headquarters in Cramlington on Tuesday 31st January. The aim of the day is to further mark the Charity's name change and also give you the opportunity to meet with the Employment Services team, collect new leaflets and marketing materials and have a look around the site. If you would like to come along on the day, please get in touch with Denise using the contact details below.

Congratulations

Azure Employment Services would like to congratulate e2e participants, Frank Burn, Jonathan Mulligan & Lee Jobling who successfully completed their NVQ1 in Horticulture at the end of last year. The team would like to wish them all the best for the future.



Photograph of Frank and Jonathan with Advisers Marion and Richie

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Congratulations

Welcome to the new Azure Employment Services Newsletter. This will now replace the old Workstep Newsletters that you may have got in the past.



When SHAW Project changed its name to Azure, it was decided that the Workstep department would join up with the Training and Development department and become known as Azure Employment Services.

And so, this Newsletter will now include information about Workstep and the training programmes provided by the department, including the Horticultural Training Unit, Food for Thought and e2e.

If you would like to be in the next issue of the Newsletter, or you have any questions, please get in touch with your Adviser or Denise by phoning 01670 717106, fax 01670 590115 or email: es@azure-charitable.co.uk



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Working in Union



Azure Employment Services has been working in partnership with the Union Society, based within Newcastle University, for over 10 years now, and 2006 is set to be no different.

After a successful interview, Bob Tabiei gained employment with The Union Society at the end of last year. Bob was referred to Azure's Workstep programme earlier in 2005 by his Ability to Work Adviser Stuart Bentham, based at Gateshead Jobcentre.

Bob has settled in very quickly to his new job as a Porter within the Union Society. He said, 'I accept that I am at a different time in my life, it is a new environment for me and it is like working with friends and family'.



Photographs of Bob at work in the Union Society



Newcastle University's Union Society has been making placement and employment opportunities available to people accessing programmes provided by Azure Employment Services since 1996.

Over the years, many of Azure's clients have benefited from placement opportunities within the Union Society, gaining experience working within different departments including the various cafes and restaurants based on campus.

The Union Society has also benefited greatly from the relationship with Azure, and has gained many valuable members of staff over the years.

The Union Society is a disability symbol user. The symbol is issued by Jobcentre Plus and is used to show an organisation's commitment to people with disability.

Thank you

The Union Society has been very supportive of the work carried out by Azure. The Employment Services team would like to thank all the employees at the Union Society who have supported and worked with the Charity over the past 10 years.



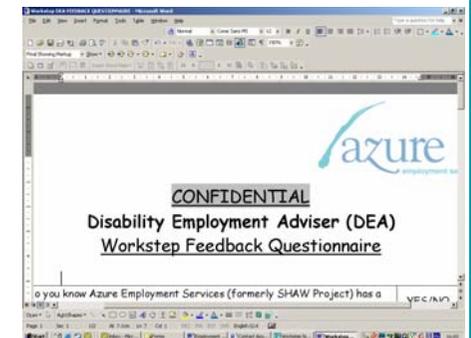
Photograph of Suzie Gray, Susan Dent, Donna Sharpe, Kaye Graham, Sharon Pattie and Liz Dixon of the Union Society

Your feedback

In October last year we sent out questionnaires to 30 Jobcentre Plus Disability Employment Advisers selected at random. The questionnaire was designed to help us find out what you think about our service.

Thank you to everyone who filled in the questionnaire and sent it back to us.

Your answers and comments will be used to improve our service and we will keep you up to date on any changes we make as a result of your feedback.



If you did not get selected this time and would like to give us feedback on the service you receive, then please get in touch using the contact details on the back of the newsletter.