

Case Study Stuart



"I enjoy coming to Bilston Resource Centre to learn.

The staffs are very friendly and helpful. I am really encouraged to showcase my Art through BRC who have seen the value of my talent."



BLACK COUNTRY FUTURES



Through our Black Country Futures project we have engaged with and supported Stuart. Stuart is long term unemployed and attended Bilston Resource Centre needing support with ICT and applying for jobs online. Stuart has multiple barriers, including learning difficulties such as Autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

Our Digital Tutor and Employment Support officer was able to tailor provision according to his needs in a community friendly manner. This involved us being flexible and offering one-to-one support that enabled him to feel comfortable and to help him on his learning journey. As a result, this not only enabled him to improve his IT skills, but also gave us the opportunity to get to know him.

We learnt that he has an amazing hidden talent of being an amazing artist. Since joining BRC, Stuart has been able to utilise his gift by volunteering and drawing a story board of BRC's journey, which will be displayed in the community café. We are also able to give him support and ideas on how he can develop his business ideas through art.

He has not only improved his IT skills, but also his aspirations and experience volunteering, despite his barriers. At BRC we strive to bring out the best in people, improving the quality of life through life-long learning.

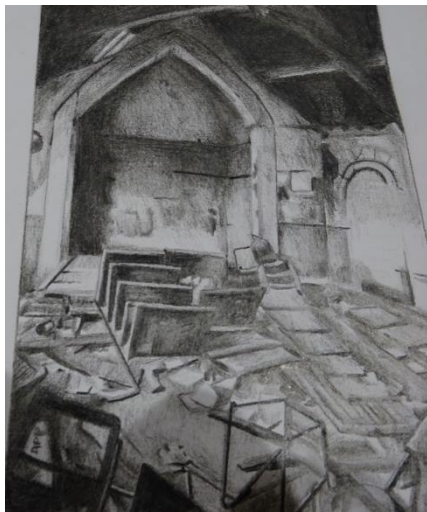
Achievements to-date:

- Improved confidence
- Improved self-esteem and self-worth
- Improved Aspirations
- Up-to date CV
- Improved skills in IT Job Search and Microsoft Office
- Improved experience by utilising hidden talents and

Stuart's Art work so far for BRC's story board for community café



Stuart's first drawings above of the original building from late 1800s to 1987



Stuart's drawing of the image inside when it was semi-derelict and unused. This was at around the time when Simon Bhardwaj, member of BAME community and Church minister began the work of Bilston Resource Centre from 1992.



Stuart's drawing of phase one of the building, which was extended in 2014

More artwork coming soon....