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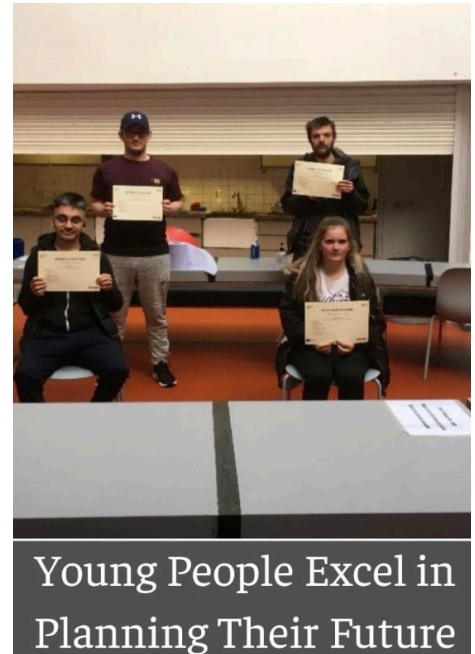
Young people excel in planning their future

Blackburn Job Centre asked Blackburn Youth Zone and Newground for support in helping 16-24 year olds back into employment, education and training. We have partnered up with Newground to run the 'Planning Your Future' project.

The project, which ran at Blackburn Youth Zone for 6 weeks during November, was a bespoke employment programme that engaged young people in an interactive environment as well as developing their employability

skills and knowledge; including career aspirations, identifying personal job skills, CV building and a talk through of the governments kickstart initiative.

We are proud to report that out of the nine young people that started the course, one had a job interview and is awaiting the result, one has enrolled onto a construction course at Blackburn College, two have been earmarked for Kickstart vacancies at Together Housing, two have signed up for a functional skills course and one has been referred to a traineeships programme with a partner agency.



Young People Excel in Planning Their Future

'Record levels of children have needed food support during the pandemic'

Members from Blackburn Youth Zone were featured on CBBC Newsround in November, discussing how support from vital services such as Blackburn Youth Zone have supported them and their families during the coronavirus crisis. Food banks across the UK have reported record levels of children who are needing their support, now more than ever.

In the feature, Jayden aged 10 said:

"Throughout the summer we went to the Youth Zone at Darwen and this meant we got a meal every day which really helped a lot.

It made me feel like someone out there actually cares. If we didn't have that support, my mum would have struggled and my family would be in bits."



Paige aged 10 who also features said:

"Sometimes I wouldn't eat much because I didn't want other people in my house to go hungry. Often my parents wouldn't eat so that me and my brother wouldn't be hungry, we had food parcels during lockdown which made me happy because it meant we all got to eat."



My Business Warehouse

The world of work is changing before our very eyes. We can either ignore it or embrace it.

Businesses have had to be extremely agile and react quickly to the challenges presented by COVID-19.

Cummins Mellor are no different. We've had the opportunity to reflect on and develop the services we offer as a result of the pandemic.

We're proud to introduce two new ventures to the Cummins Mellor Family of Businesses; 'My Business Warehouse' and 'CQ Works Business Hub'.

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CQ Works Business Hub offers flexible, private offices and team spaces of all sizes, with back office support & short term leasing options. Situated

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Success is all about how many people you can make a positive impact on in the right way, it is all about giving back – Mohammed Patel

Mohammed Patel, CEO of GM Holding Group was the keynote speaker at a special virtual Patrons Breakfast for Blackburn Youth Zone, hosted by BYZ Board Member and MD of AMS Accountancy Group, Ebrahim Sidat on the 6th November.

Guests were welcomed to the exclusive event by Blackburn Youth Zone Chairman, Rt Hon Jack Straw and was attended by Patrons who provide support towards the £1 million required every year to keep the Youth Zone open; including Fagan & Whalley, Graham and Brown, Cardboard Box Company, Cummins Mellor, Napthens Solicitors, Forbes Solicitors and other Patrons.



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