

ENGAGE
through
sport



EDUCATE
in the
workshop



Oarsome Chance Foundation is a new groundbreaking charity that aims to bring about change for disadvantaged young people in the Portsmouth, Gosport and Havant areas by using the powerful incentive of sport (coastal and dry rowing) in combination with vocational training (boat building, carpentry and canvas skills).

Focusing on young people aged from 9 -19 years old who are disengaged from mainstream education and are at risk of exclusion and suffering disadvantage, OCF in its first year OCF has already engaged with over 1500 participants through its rowing and workshop programmes.

OCF programmes can stand alone or work in combination to form a cohesive progression.

DRY

We have 2 dedicated indoor rowing suites and provide a mobile Row Show for school + community engagement



DRY

Indoor rowing

WET

We have 4 St Ayles fixed seat Coastal Skiffs located in 2 coastal estuary on water hubs.

WET

On water rowing



BUILD

Vocational skills



BUILD

We have two fully equipped vocational workshops with an Vocational lecturer provide training in boat building / carpentry skills not only aid re engagement with mainstream education but also the opportunity to gain Entry Level 3, or Level 1 qualifications VIA Open Awards greatly enhancing employability



OCF PROGRAMME PATHWAY

ENGAGEMENT

Intake from local schools via Local Authority Behavioural Services and School Alternative provision commissions

PARTICIPATION

VOCATIONAL

workshop / social enterprise projects

DRY ROWING

Indoor Concept 2 ergo machines

ON WATER

Inland/coastal rowing + sail skills

OUTCOMES

Positive + measurable, e.g. health, social inclusion, vocational skills and employability prospects

HARD SKILLS

Qualifications including E3 and Level 1 Open awards

COMMUNITY

Regular + ongoing participation building links to the local community

SOFT SKILLS

Self esteem, confidence, communication, teamwork

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE



Canvas Works, is a new OCF social enterprise programme where used sails donated by local sailing groups, are 'upcycled' into fashion/ home accessories

Students are trained in design and construction skills using a fully equipped studio. The young people participating not only gain hard skills (sewing, design for purpose, idea development) but also learn valuable business insight as the enterprise grows.

"I can see where my working life will be. I love being in the workshop working on the boats.

With the qualifications I will achieve on the Coastal Maritime Studies and Outdoor Education programme I can see a way to a good job."



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