

Welcome to Ilderton

The Ilderton Foundation is a registered charity, which has spent the last 30 years offering young people the opportunity to learn about vehicles everything from motorbikes to go-karts and bikes.

Our aim is for young people to acquire basic skills in motor maintenance, understand the responsibilities of car ownership, and have access to leisure activities such as supervised driving.

We enjoy working with all sorts of people: some are young offenders and young people at risk, others come to our projects via their schools or through our regular school holiday events - which are open to all and take place in various venues in south east London. We have three training centres in Deptford, Lambeth and Southwark, and more are planned. Along with a driving school especially for young people.

The Ilderton Foundation doesn't only work with cars and bikes, but with anything that inspires young people: recent projects include a theatre workshop that led to a public performance. We also create outreach programmes for areas with specific needs.

Our work improves community safety by making a contribution to preventing and reducing crime. Research officers of the Inner London Probation Service concluded in a report that offenders who attended Ilderton: "reoffended markedly less, are less likely to be sentenced to custody for re-offending and are were especially less likely to commit taking and driving away offences"

Our aims

Ilderton Foundation programmes are designed to help young people progress, wherever they start from. We aim to develop and enhance the lives of young people by providing them with training in a subject which fascinates them, re-fire their interest in learning and develop personal and

teamwork skills. The result is a positive attitude towards training, education and employment.

Training goals

- To get young people interested in achieving variety of experiences and gaining qualifications
- To provide accredited pre-vocational training programmes in car maintenance, motorbike, and moped maintenance, personal development, numeracy and literacy skills
- To provide support in the transition into further education and training
- To provide advice and counselling
- Employment
- To provide support in career planning, job search, placements, interview techniques etc

Safety

- To provide education on the principles of road safety. which includes understanding the legal aspects and requirements of car or motorbike ownership
- To introduce young people to safe driving skills
- To introduce young people to health and safety at work

Social skills

- To promote awareness of the consequences of car crime and its effect on the community and individuals
- To create a number of initiatives that will give scope for challenging existing attitudes towards offending
- To provide an area where young people can meet, encouraging teamwork, developing self-esteem and motivation

Leisure

To provide facilities for organised and constructive leisure activities, using motorised vehicles

Our programmes



Each of our centres has a different programme of activities. Please contact each centre directly for precise dates and times.

School programmes

This programme is aimed at young people between the ages of 13-16, who are still in schools or similar institutions. It is a pre-vocational training programme in motor vehicle maintenance that offers accredited qualification through City & Guilds (City & Guilds 3992 foundation level course) and an introduction to health and safety in a work related environment. It is designed to complement the national curriculum and to enable young people to remain in mainstream education

Content

Introduction to fan belt maintenance Introduction to ignition systems Introduction to braking systems Introduction to cooling systems

Basic Motor Maintenance and Personal Development Course

This programme is aimed at young people between the ages of 13-25, who are young offenders or young people at risk and not in mainstream education or training. It is a prevocational training programme in motor maintenance and personal development that offers accredited qualifications through City & Guilds. The programme also provides introduction to health and safety in a work related environment. It is designed to re-engage young people in learning and provide a recognised route into further education, training and employment.

Content

Basic motor maintenance: Introduction to fan belt maintenance, ignition systems, braking systems and cooling systems
Personal development: communication skills, literacy and numeracy skills, life skills, and activities around challenging behaviour
Basic computer graphics course

Leisure activities

Through the use of adapted cars, karts and motorbikes, we provide access to safe driving skills and responsibility in a safe controlled environment.

Motorbike programme

This 13-week programme aims to engage young people and develop a sense of responsibility in the areas of motorbike ownership and maintenance. Workshop-based practical skills and off-road riding skills are both accredited by City and Guilds.

Content

General servicing of motorbike Examination of air filter Examination of spokes Examination of brakes Examination of clutch Scrambling techniques

Reparation Training Programme

This programme is aimed at young people between the ages of 13 - 16 years, whose court orders include an aspect of reparation to a victim or the community. The training programme is designed to engage young people on short 'taster' programmes to enable them to meet the conditions of their court orders.

Content

Introduction to brain storming sessions
Introduction to basic design and environmental issues
Introduction to painting, use of colour and tools
Introduction to basic construction skills
The above includes the collection of materials e.g. tyres, which can be recycled for the benefit of the local community.

Flexible Evening Programme

The programme is aimed at young people between the ages of 13-25 years. The evening programmes involve basic motor maintenance and the construction of motorised vehicles for races, Along with a special programme for young women. The programmes are customised around cars, karts, and motorbikes to the needs of young people and/or the requirement of the courts

Content

Basic motor maintenance using cars, karts, and motorbikes Team building activities. Construction of cars for organised racing actives Health and Safety Youth Forum meetings

Our Partners

The Ilderton Foundation serves the London boroughs of Lewisham, Lambeth, Southwark, Bromley and Greenwich. Referral agencies include the Youth Offending Teams of Lewisham, Southwark, Bromley, Lambeth and Greenwich, along with the National Probation Service and schools throughout London. We have received funding from the ESF London

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