

SHAW TRUST, UK

Sally Burton on BBC's 'Working Lunch' programme

The challenges facing disadvantaged and disabled people seeking employment or working in the job market were highlighted in Television Channel, BBC 2's award-winning daily business, personal finance and consumer news programme, 'Working Lunch' on 9th June.

Sally Burton, Chief Executive of Shaw Trust was invited to join Declan Curry and Naga Munchetty on the sofa to discuss some of the barriers to employment and the support currently available for people in the UK.



A combination of personal and cultural issues which fall broadly into two categories was identified by Sally:

"Personal issues around confidence, motivation, qualifications and skills are one area and stigma and attitudes within society are another. We work with both individuals and employers to over

come these barriers and in doing so helped around 20,000 people into employment last year."

Sally encouraged people to visit JobCentre Plus for details of the help available in their area or to talk to organisations such as Shaw Trust.

INTEGRACJA, Poland

Campaign 'Shallow Imagination' - the beginning...

Each year hundreds of youths aged from 13 to 25, end up in wheelchairs due to jumping into dangerous water. "As a person who became a man with disabilities due to a jump into the water and landing on my head, I realise how important education about the consequences of daring behavior on the water is. Therefore again we are running this campaign addressed to young people - potential jumpers - to make them aware how a single jump can lead to dramatic consequences," says Piotr Pawłowski, President of Integracja.

This is the XIV edition of the social

campaign, which started on 10th of June in a Warsaw primary school and will be run for the whole holiday period. The main aim is education and prevention. But through the campaign we also want to reach the victims of accidents. It is very important, especially just after the accident, to ensure those people know that it does not mean the end of their life; it is possible, with a broken backbone, to participate actively in social life.

The campaign is run in partnership with the Plenipotentiary of Children Rights, Municipal Policy, Police, Polish Railways and other institutions, and is supported by

the strategic sponsor of Integracja - Mondial Assistance (insurance company) and other private companies.

A web-site www.plytkawyobraznia.pl was launched with many educational materials that teachers can download for free.



At the Campaign launch

INTERWORK, Australia

Aaron Poeze has been a client of the Morphett Vale office for some time. Upon meeting Aaron you immediately think that he is a very easy going guy with a big heart. Aaron is the Einstein type who has done an Engineering Degree in Chemicals.

Back in October 2009 we launched a work experience drive to assist clients who weren't working, giving them some exposure to a real work environment. In Aaron's first week he came in with a small list of major employers that he would like to work for. During the following 3 months of working with Aaron and trying to find a potential employer, it became clear that it was going to

be tough to get Aaron his dream job. With his desire and ambition to work, Aaron was plagued with the reality that he had no actual work experience as a chemical engineer. Anxiety & Depression had prevented Aaron from actually working since obtaining his Degree, over ten years ago.

Not one to give up, the following week Aaron found a small employer he thought would be a good place to work. AED Technologies in Lonsdale was accessible and willing to meet with us to discuss possible work experience for Aaron. To begin with there was some reluctance and definitely no promise about future employment, but it was a start.

After Aaron's 2 week work experience, his employer was willing to offer one day a week as this was all that the company could afford. After 2 months wage subsidy became a solution and we were in a position to pay it to the employer to help secure a 13 week, and then 26 week outcome.

With sheer determination and willingness to succeed, Aaron was able to find the confidence to show his employer how valuable he is to the team.

Aaron is still with AED Technologies and we wish him and his employer much success in years to come.

MOTIVATION, Romania

Motivation Celebrates 15 Years!

On May 6th, we celebrated 15 years of Motivation Romania programs and services for people with disabilities in Romania.

On this festive occasion, Stuart Innes, Shaw Trust representative on Motivation's board of Trustees, Linda Timmons, President and CEO of Mosaic Foundation, USA, and Silviu Hotaran, member of Motivation's board of trustees, cut the ribbon of the new Motivation service and office building in Ilfov county. Also among the guests were several service users and colleagues who spoke about what Motivation means to them and the impact of our programs on their lives.

The Peer group Training Program

My name is Toni, I am 26 years old. I am from Borcea village, Ialomita County, Romania. I come from a very large family

living in a very poor, rural area of Romania and I was born with Cerebral Palsy which affected my feet and arms. In time I regained use of my hands, but I still cannot use my legs at all. Because of this illness I was isolated in my house. I couldn't go to school, even though I am a very active person.

Every day, I go to a day Center of an Association for persons with disabilities in Fetesti. There, in January 2002, I was assessed by Motivation Romania Foundation for a new wheelchair; this wheelchair changed my life.

Motivation Romania taught me how to use it. I was also taught about preventing some diseases, emotional aspects of my disability, school, social and professional integration. Now I can go to school and find a job.



Toni and his new chair

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