

Portsmouth Sail Training Trust Report

Overview

Portsmouth Sail Training Trust (PSTT) is passionate about engaging, motivating and enabling young people in Portsmouth to reach their full potential.

Established in 2014, PSTT provides maritime training, qualifications and mentoring to disadvantaged young people for whom access to such programmes would improve their quality of life and employability. PSTT also aims to help young people raise their aspirations and improve their life skills. This is particularly important in a community such as Portsmouth where many of the city's young people are living in poverty.

PSTT was fortunate enough to receive a grant of £1,517 from the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights in September 2020. This amazing support is currently funding two young people through the PSTT programme.

What's happened so far in 2021?

PSTT opened its doors again on **Monday 19th April** and has already helped **100 young people** get out on the water. PSTT is currently working with **eight schools** and hopes to be supporting 120 young people by Autumn 2021.

PSTT Chief Instructor, Will Keyser says, "it has been great to see the young people get back out on the water. They have been really challenged and stimulated by the programme so far".

We have received some fantastic feedback from teachers. Pete Pickford, teacher at Waterloo School has said "the class have really enjoyed their sessions with PSTT this term. It has really helped to settle and soothe the pupils back into school after lockdown. The pupils are gaining valuable skills which will set them up for a more successful future".

Tony Hewett, Manager of the Victory Suite at Milton Cross Academy says "It has been great to be back at PSTT. The difference it makes to the students is huge. The programme has such a positive impact on the student's confidence and self-esteem

All the young people are enjoying being back out on the water and gaining new skills. Reggie, from Waterloo School has been attending the programme since 2020 and has massively progressed since then. Here he is showing us his fantastic helming skills.

Throughout the 2021 programme, PSTT aims to give out 240 accredited sailing and powerboating qualifications. PSTT also aims to help all the young people grow in confidence, resilience and communication skills.

Thank you, so much, for choosing to support the work of PSTT. You are helping young people raise their aspirations – thank you!

