

Action trust gets to work

Action Trust helps ex-offenders, homeless people and armed forces veterans transform their lives by providing employment opportunities through its Action social enterprises.

It's an innovative partnership between The TREES Group, Action Homeless Leicester, HMYOI Glen Parva and Apex Works that provides vocational training, life and employment skills development, housing support and business management.

There have been many success stories and employees that have been with the Action team since it began trading in April 2011, but also have a few failures as not everyone is suited to the job. Maintaining a constant and quality-driven workforce is a challenge, however, Action Trust believes that the impact it makes on the majority of people it employs far outweighs any individual failures.

20 year old Joe Cassie was Action Trust's first recruit and has just secured ongoing employment with an engineering company. He says: "As soon as I entered Glen Parva I knew I didn't want to go back there when I was released, I really wanted



Joe Cassie (left) and Adie Mcguire from the Action Trust team maintaining a garden in Leicester

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to turn my life around. Action Trust has given me the opportunity to gain skills, a reason to get-up in the morning and a chance to earn some money, as well as the confidence and discipline to work. I am thrilled that I have now got a job doing something of my choice." **se**

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Prime contractor

Pertemps is prime contractor for NOMS Support Programme in the West Midlands.

Pertemps People Development Group (PPDG) has been awarded a contract to work in partnership with the Prison and Probation Services to deliver a NOMS CFO support programme aimed at people serving the last months of a custodial sentence or under the supervision of probation services within the community. The four-year programme, co-financed by the European Social Fund, will operate across Birmingham, Solihull, Coventry & Warwickshire, Hereford and Worcestershire, Staffordshire and the Black Country. The objective is to assist participants in accessing employment, skills and other related provision and PPDG will be working with social enterprises across the region to help achieve this.

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