

The Job Show™ - CASE STUDY

Background – The South London and Maudsley Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust attended as an exhibitor at the **The Job Show™ London Bluewater** on the 1st November 2014. They were very impressed with **The Job Show™ Dance Crew** who performed their pre-promotion street-dance prior to the doors opening for the public – so impressed that they commissioned the Dance Crew to create a 2 day workshop at the Hospital to engage with their young adolescent 15-18 year old patients.

This was the first of its kind for the Hospital as well as for us.....

The result - A heart-warming and very rewarding project !



Liam- The Job Show™ Dance Crew



Rob – Teacher at The NHS Foundation



Jamal - The Job Show™ Dance Crew

Joanna Loomes, Team Leader at The Foundation NHS Trust went on to say:

*‘Jamal and Liam from the Job Show™ Dance Crew came to do a two day street dance workshop with Young People at Woodland House, which is a 24-bedded in-patient unit for adolescents with a wide range of mental health difficulties in the Kent and Medway area. They provided an introduction session for staff and Young People, which comprised of dance demonstrations, video clip, **talking about their own experiences and explaining how they would be working with Young People.** They then spent two days working with Young People teaching them a fantastic street dance routine, **resulting in a performance to the whole of Woodland House!***

*Jamal and Liam were excellent at grading and adapting the routine to **take into account different ability levels. They considered different functional capacities of the Young People, including physical, mental, confidence, existing skills, etc.** They also built into their planned routine solo performances for Young People with skills in other dance genres and gave them the chance to demonstrate their individual skills. Some of the comments from the Young People (who cannot be named under the protection act) were:*

‘ It was fun to learn a new type of dance, and how they provided jobs’ – ‘I Liked how they motivated me to go and have fun and not be worried’ – Jamal and Liam were good at encouraging us and helping us’ -

Both Jamal and Liam were professional throughout and engaged extremely well with both Young People and staff throughout their time at Woodland House. They were punctual and had prepared their workshop to an extremely high standard, with ideas about how to be flexible to meet the needs of our Young People.

I would highly recommend the Job Show Dance Crew Workshops and I really hope that we will be able to have them come back to Woodland House and work with our Young People in future-

Thank you to Victoria & Caroline in making this happen, it is one of the best things I Have seen the Young People engage in Woodland House’.