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ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION OFFER®

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ABOUT US

FORMED IN NOVEMBER 2020, TACKLING MINDS HAS QUICKLY BECOME ESTABLISHED AS A TRUSTED PROVIDER OF ANGLING EVENTS WITHIN THE UK AND OFFERS SUPPORT TO PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE THAT ARE STRUGGLING WITH A RANGE OF ISSUES.

WE USE THE POWER OF FISHING AND OUR COMMUNITY STANDING TO RAISE ASPIRATIONS AND TRANSFORM LIVES.

OUR VISION

TO ENCOURAGE AND DEVELOP, THROUGH COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP, A SUSTAINABLE SUPPORT STRUCTURE FOR ANGLING EDUCATION THAT ENRICHES THE MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING OF ALL YOUNG PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF AGE, GENDER, ABILITY OR BACKGROUND.

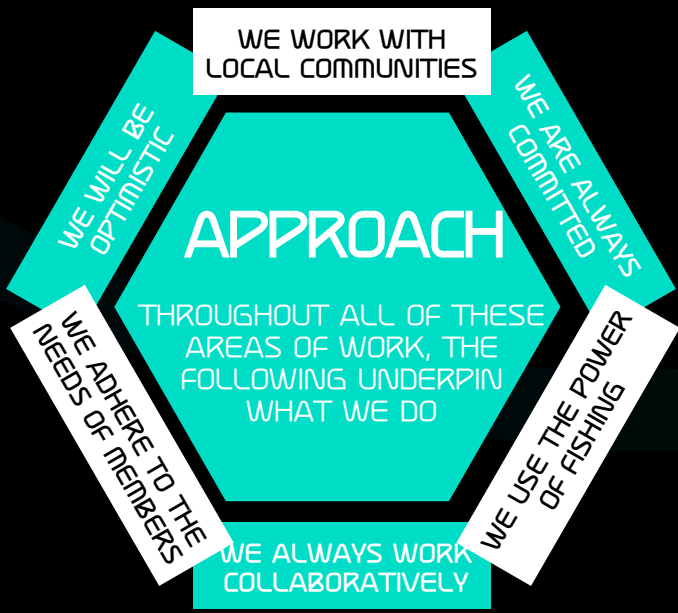
OUR MISSION

TO DEVELOP THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEAD A LIFELONG HEALTHY AND ACTIVE LIFESTYLE, AIDING THEIR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE PROVISION OF HIGH-QUALITY FISHING SESSIONS.

VALUES

THROUGHOUT ALL THAT WE DO THE FOLLOWING CORE VALUES ARE EXHIBITED BY EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH TACKLING MINDS.

COMMITTED	IMPACTFUL
INCLUSIVE	QUALITY
FAIR	SUSTAINABLE
PASSIONATE	HONEST





BACKGROUND

TACKLING MINDS WAS FOUNDED IN 2020 AND USES THE POWER OF FISHING TO INSPIRE, ENGAGE AND EDUCATE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE EVERY YEAR.

AS THE LEADING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING ANGLING ORGANISATION IN THE UK, WE HAVE EXCELLENT REPUTATION FOR OUR PIONEERING EDUCATIONAL WORK WITH CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES.

TACKLING MINDS WORKS USING PIONEERING ACCREDITED ANGLING EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

AS A RESULT OF OUR STRONG RELATIONSHIPS, UNIQUE EXPERTISE, AND OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL TRACK RECORD, TACKLING MINDS IS EXPERIENCED IN WORKING WITH SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION PROVIDERS THROUGHOUT THE UK BUT ALSO THE FREEDOM TO WORK ACROSS AGE GROUPS AND WITH OTHER (LIKE MINDED) ORGANISATIONS.

TACKLING MINDS APPROACH TO EDUCATION IS INNOVATIVE; WE THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX, TAKE RISKS AND WORK IN PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE A SAFE, INSPIRING AND ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENT TO DEVELOP LEARNING PATHWAYS THAT ARE AS INDIVIDUAL AS THE YOUNG PEOPLE WE WORK WITH.



FISHING THE NUMBER 1 PARTICIPATED SPORT IN THE UK

LEARNING



OUR PROGRAMMES ARE ACCREDITED BY AQA.

THEY ARE DELIVERED BY QUALIFIED LICENSED ANGLING COACHES AND ARE DESIGNED TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT. WE PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE IN A CALM, FRIENDLY, SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.

THEY ENABLE ANGLERS IN ALL DISCIPLINES TO DEVELOP AT THEIR OWN PACE BUT WITH RECOGNITION OF THEIR EFFORTS AT EACH STAGE.

NO ONE YOUNG PERSON LEARNS IN THE SAME WAY. WE USE ANGLING AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR PUPILS TO UNDERSTAND THE BASICS OF EDUCATION IN AN EXCITING AND INDIVIDUAL WAY, WHILST OFFERING A HEALTHY OUTDOOR HOBBY THAT CAN LAST A LIFETIME.



BY USING FISHING AS A MEDIUM, IT ALLOWS YOUNG PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE BASICS OF GEOGRAPHY, ENGLISH, SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS WEIGHTS, MEASURES, GEOMETRY. WE OPEN UP A WORLD OF AQUATIC CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION BENEATH OUR RIVERS, LAKES AND STREAMS.

THEY GIVE AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO ACHIEVING AWARDS THAT PROVIDES THE CONNECTION BETWEEN A PRACTICALLY ACQUIRED SKILL AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THE LEARNED SKILLS CAN BE UTILISED.

AT EACH OF THE LEVELS, THE UNITS OFFER A MIXTURE OF CLASSROOM BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND VERY HANDS ON APPROACH TO DEVELOPING ANGLING SKILLS.



SINCE TACKLING MINDS LAUNCHED IN 2020, 450 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ENGAGED AND ACCESSED OUR PROGRAMME. 85% OF THOSE HAVE RE-ENGAGED BACK INTO SCHOOL EDUCATION.



PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

THE AWARDS ARE DESIGNED IN 3 UNITS EACH CONSISTING OF 4 SESSIONS PER UNIT TO ENABLE THE LEARNERS:

UNIT 1 EXAMPLE: TO EXPERIENCE:

1. TAKING PART IN FOUR FISHING SESSION

SHOWN KNOWLEDGE OF:

2. HOW TO SELECT THE CORRECT LINE AND TERMINAL TACKLE TO CATCH A FISH
3. AT LEAST THREE METHODS OF FISHING
4. WHAT EQUIPMENT TO CHOOSE SUITABLE TO THE VENUE BEING USED
5. WHAT BAIT TO USE
6. WHAT GOOD WEATHER AND WATER CONDITIONS FOR FISHING ARE

DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY TO:

7. CAST ACCURATELY TO A GIVEN TARGET
8. PERFORM THE CORRECT CASTING TECHNIQUE
9. TIE THREE SIMPLE KNOTS APPROPRIATE TO THE FISHING DISCIPLINE
10. MATCH AT LEAST THREE SPECIES OF FISH TO THEIR HABITATS AND CONDITIONS

SEND & SEMH

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL ASPECTS OF LEARNING ARE ADDRESSED THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAMME USING EVIDENCE BASED METHODS

PERSON CENTRED INITIAL ASSESSMENT TO IDENTIFY NEEDS, STRENGTHS AND GOALS

TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE TO PROMOTE SECURE ATTACHMENT, RESILIENCE AND SELF-REGULATION

POTENTIAL CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR ADDRESSED BEFORE IT ARISES BY STRIVING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF EACH YOUNG PERSON

STRENGTH BASED PRACTICE TO ENABLE EACH YOUNG PERSON TO SUCCEED AND TO PROMOTE WELLBEING

RESTORATIVE APPROACH TO RESOLVING CONFLICT

HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR BEHAVIOUR DEVELOPING SKILLS SUCH AS

SELF-AWARENESS, MOTIVATION, EMPATHY, SELF-REFLECTION, PERSONAL AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

ROBUST TRACKING AND MONITORING

OVERVIEW

ALL SCHOOLS, EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND OTHER AGENCIES ARE INVITED TO REFER PUPILS WHO THEY FEEL WOULD BENEFIT FROM AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION OFFER WITH TACKLING MINDS.

PUPILS WOULD STAY ON ROLL AT THEIR SCHOOL AND ATTEND TACKLING MINDS ONE DAY A WEEK FOR 12 WEEKS BESPOKE PROGRAMMES UPON REQUEST.

ALL PUPILS WILL BE PROVIDED PREMIUM ANGLING EQUIPMENT AND BAIT

THE PROGRAMME IS FUNDED BY A DAY RATE CHARGED TO EDUCATION PROVIDER CONTACT TACKLING MINDS FOR PRICES

CLASS SIZES OF 6 WITH MINIMUM 3 MEMBERS OF STAFF

LUNCH IS PROVIDED ALONGSIDE HOT AND COLD DRINKS. WHERE A PUPIL IS IN RECEIPT OF FSM THE EXPECTATION IS FOR THIS FUNDING TO BE REDIRECTED TO TACKLING MINDS FOR THE DAYS THEY ATTEND.

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

WHILE ALL TACKLING MINDS EVENTS VARY, A TYPICAL SESSION WILL SEE THREE TUTORS WITH A GROUP OF ATTENDEES ON A 2:1 TUITION BASIS. WE HAVE SEVERAL PARTNER VENUES IN THE AREA.

OUR SESSIONS RUN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BUT DURING THE WINTER MONTHS THE SESSIONS ARE 2 HOURS LONG. DURING THE WARMER MONTHS WE WILL INCREASE OUR SESSIONS TO 3-4 HOURS. WE KEEP THE SESSIONS TO A LENGTH THAT WE FEEL IS APPROPRIATE TO THE WEATHER AS WELL AS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORGANISATION ATTENDING THE SESSIONS.

TACKLING MINDS REQUIRES A 1ST4SPORT LEVEL 2 ANGLING COACH TO FACILITATE OUR SESSIONS FOR LEGAL AND INSURANCE PURPOSES:

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE QUALIFIED 1ST4SPORT LEVEL 1 AND LEVEL 2 LICENSED ANGLING COACHES. OUR VOLUNTEERS HOLD A VALID DBS, SAFEGUARDING CERTIFICATES (VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND ADULTS), MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CERTIFICATES, FIRST AID CERTIFICATES AND INSURANCE. OUR VOLUNTEERS HAVE YEARS UPON YEARS OF ANGLING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE.

***TACKLING MINDS IS AN OFFICIAL ANGLING TRUST GET FISHING FOR WELLBEING APPROVED PARTNER, THEREBY RECOGNISING OUR ORGANISATION AS DELIVERING TO THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL STANDARD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE RECOGNISED NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY FOR THE SPORT OF ANGLING.**

WHAT A TYPICAL SESSION LOOKS LIKE:

11:50AM

ARRIVE AT THE DESIGNATED VENUE, MEET AND GREET GROUP AND VOLUNTEER TUTORS

11:50AM - 12:00PM

BASIC THEORY LEARNING & TUITION INCLUDING H&S BRIEFING AND FISHING SUMMARY

12:00PM - 15:00PM

GUIDED FISHING ON CHOSEN VENUE

15:00PM

GATHER FOR DEBRIEF, SUMMARY AND FURTHER DISCUSSION

NEXT STEPS

EDUCATION PROVIDERS TO IDENTIFY PUPILS WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS OFFER AND COMPLETE AN INITIAL REFERRAL INDUCTION PROCESS INCLUDING INITIAL PERSON-CENTRED ASSESSMENT GROUPS CREATED BASED ON ABILITIES AND NEEDS
LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TACKLING MINDS, EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND PARENTS/ CARERS ESTABLISHED TO ENABLE THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAMME
FORMAL SLA S WITH EDUCATION PROVIDER ON PUPIL NUMBERS



MEET THE STAFF

WITH A CURRICULUM FIRMLY EMBEDDED IN DEVELOPING ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL SKILLS, ALONGSIDE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELLBEING, OUR TEACHING STAFF ALSO AIM TO PREPARE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR A LIFE BEYOND SCHOOL.



DAVE LYONS

ALTERNATIVE PROVISION LEAD & MENTAL HEALTH LEAD ANGLING TRUST AMBASSADOR

WITH OVER 30 YEARS ANGLING EXPERIENCE, DAVID HAS DEVELOPED A GENUINE PASSION FOR EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES THROUGH POSITIVE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES. RELATIONSHIPS ARE AT THE HEART OF WHAT HE DOES AND HE IS SKILLED IN CREATING AND MAINTAINING HONEST, TRUSTING AND RELIABLE CONNECTIONS THROUGH A NON-JUDGEMENTAL AND COMPASSIONATE APPROACH WITH CLEAR, CONSISTENT BOUNDARIES AND HIGH EXPECTATIONS.

DAVID BAILEY

LEAD ANGLING COACH & DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD

AS AN ENTHUSIASTIC AND EXPERIENCED MEMBER OF OUR TEAM WITH A SUCCESSFUL TRACK RECORD IN ANGLING COACHING, DAVID WILL BE DELIVERING THE PRACTICAL ELEMENT OF THE PROGRAMME. WITH A BACKGROUND IN CREATING AND DELIVERING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROGRAMMES THROUGH FISHING, DAVID WILL ENSURE THAT THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL ELEMENTS OF THE SPORTS SCHOOL ARE EMBEDDED WITHIN THE STUDENTS PRACTICAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.



RICKY THE HITMAN HATTON MBE

TACKLING MINDS AMBASSADOR

4 X WORLD BOXING CHAMPION & MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE

FOR EVERY LEARNER THAT PASSES THE AQA ANGLING AWARDS, EACH WILL RECEIVE A PAIR OF BOXING GLOVES SIGNED BY RICKY THE HITMAN HATTON.





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