



Bikespace



# Social Impact Report 2015

# About us

Bikespace CIC (Community Interest Company) is a not-for-profit social enterprise based in Devonport, Plymouth.

At Bikespace we aim to engage and motivate young people struggling with mainstream education. We train them as bicycle mechanics and give them the opportunity to get out on mountain bike adventures. The pupils develop transferable skills which will enable them to succeed in the workplace

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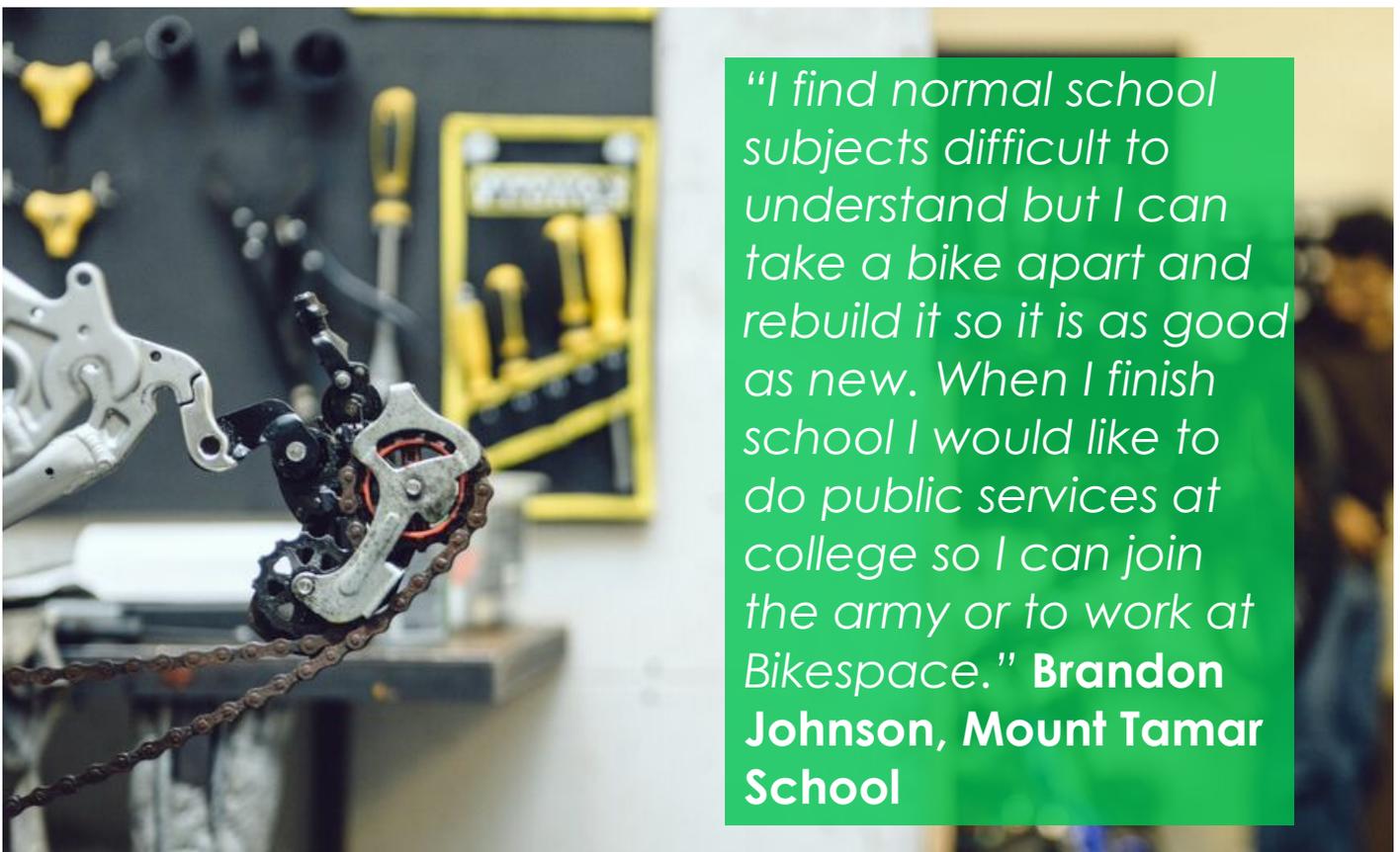


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# Our Aims and Mission

- To engage and motivate young people with the long term aim of equipping them with the necessary life skills to be successful in the workplace
- To increase young people's sense of social responsibility within their local community
- To encourage young people to live and enjoy a healthy lifestyle



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# Headline Figures

- 🚲 **400** bikes recycled a year
- 🚲 **21** young people assisted every year with **234** hours support each
- 🚲 Our young people gain practical skills: **100%** achieved a basic Bicycle Maintenance qualification. **86%** went on to achieve AQA Level 1 and over **HALF** achieve AQA Level 2
- 🚲 **57%** of young people go on to further education and/or training with a **THIRD** going on to voluntary or paid work
- 🚲 **600** bikes donated yearly to Bikespace
- 🚲 **160** kids bikes given free to people in disadvantaged communities
- 🚲 We have created **FIVE** full time equivalent jobs to date



# Case study: Marcus

Marcus was a pupil at Bikespace one day per week. He achieved ASDAN awards in English and Maths. He then went on to complete a Customer Service Apprenticeship and is now about to complete his NVQ Level 2 Bicycle Mechanics. This shows the potential for pupils to progress through Bikespace.



*"I didn't understand most things in school so I just messed around all the time. Bikespace was the only thing I found that I could actually do and I enjoyed it so I stuck with it."*

# Plans for the future

- Bikespace has taken on a new shop in Devonport in Plymouth selling electric bikes - we want to develop this and encourage more people to cycle
- We are developing a business to business delivery service using electric cargo bikes
- We want to continue to expand our work supporting young people in the city
- We want to provide job opportunities for vulnerable adults such as ex-offenders and those on rehab programmes
- We aim to increase awareness of sustainable transport in Plymouth

*"I bought my mountain bike from the Bikespace over a year ago now and it has been great! I rode the Devon Wildlife Trust Heart of Dartmoor Cycle Challenge on it in May (50 miles). I have had no problems with it at all. Sounds like a great training scheme for the students involved too. Keep up the good work!"*

**Charley Miller, Customer**



**Bikespace**

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