



**Hands on learning  
that helps drive change**

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*Homeless young people restoring  
the Red Bull race soapbox.*

**It is with absolute delight** that we can announce that GASP has resumed delivery of our Mobile courses! On 19<sup>th</sup> August, our Howard J and Simon B visited The Amber Foundation at Farm Place, near Dorking, to work with young homeless people. Funded in Memory of Andy Stallman, the Amber young people are renovating a Red Bull soapbox! GASP will be working at Amber for 10 weeks, and in that time, they will remove the rust, re-paint it and adorn it with the Amber logo! In addition, the team are looking to add a braking structure, and restore and modify the fully independent hydraulically damped suspension system. The young people are thoroughly engaged and really enjoying the project element of work. They are coming together as a team fantastically well. It's so good to be back!

Our **COVID recovery team** continues to assess the Department of Education and Public Health England's advice and guidance and update the GASP policies appropriately. Trustee Bruce Smith is leading the Health and Safety team and has been providing invaluable updates and practical advice. Workshop Manager Barrie, managed to source a 40-foot container unit for free, which has enabled us to completely clear the workshop of equipment to facilitate social distancing for students and staff. Thanks to funding in Memory of Andy Stallman and The Geoff Herrington Foundation we have been able to purchase all of the required PPE (both for the workshop and Mobile Unit) for staff, volunteers and attendees. Our first workshop session on Tuesday 8th September was with Jubilee High and went brilliantly: the students were fantastic and adapted easily to the PPE and C-19 policies and worked fantastically on the large four-stroke engines!



*Lowering the new container into place*



*Completing a deep clean of the Workshop*

GASP is delighted to welcome our **new Treasurer, Richard Draisey!** Richard was appointed as a GASP Trustee, Treasurer and Company Secretary in August 2020. He is a qualified Chartered Accountant, Financial Planning and Analysis expert and more recently has moved into Strategy and Transformation. His career has spanned analytical roles for Shell and Siemens, audit with Menzies LLP and now working as Director of Finance Partnering & Transformation at McLaren Racing. Richard is currently enrolled part-time with London Business School developing his Strategic leadership skills. Richard was brought up in Surrey, is married with 3 children and likes to be kept pretty busy! He enjoys the complexity and challenge of F1 and is keen to share experience to support the GASP Motor Project and contribute to it's fantastic work in the community.

GASP was thrilled to receive £4,000 funding from the Community Foundation for Surrey for the purchase of new equipment to facilitate the implementation of our new STEM curriculum. The funding will enable us to update our teaching materials and replace old or broken equipment. In addition, we have received a further £5,784 for laptops, 3D printers and an interactive white board enabling us to introduce CAD and 3D printing as part of our syllabus! Many thanks to the Community Foundation for their continued support!



Further funding from the Community foundation has enabled GASP to form a partnership with the Matrix Trust. Matrix supports the mental health of young people through 1:1 sessions and group work. Thanks to the CFS, a Matrix youth worker will attend the GASP workshop sessions, offering support to the young people we work with. The impact of C-19 and subsequent lockdown has had a profound effect on us all, but more so on those young people already on the periphery of society and education. We hope this addition to our courses will provide much needed emotional and wellbeing support to our disadvantaged students who have been so significantly impacted by the pandemic.

GASP continues to be hugely grateful to the funders, supporters and individuals who have been with us during this difficult 5 months. GASP is moving into the new academic year with confidence and a renewed commitment to the young people we work with. Whilst fundraising remains a key priority, the Trustees and management wish to thank you for your encouragement and support. If you wish to make a donation of any size to the charity, please visit our local giving page <https://localgiving.org/charity/gaspmotorproject/>