

Welcome to this digital autumn edition of the Independent Travel Training Newsletter. In this issue, we will give you a snapshot of the work our team have been doing this term. It will include 60 seconds with Suzy, a new team member who joined us this summer, and a quote from a parent.

## 60 seconds with... Suzy Malakhi



### Q. What's your role and what does it involve?

**A.** I'm an Independent Travel Trainer and Guide Trainer. My role involves teaching students with SEND how to get to and from their educational setting safely using public transportation. In other words, to empower and instil independence in young people.

### Q. How did your previous experience help you in your new role?

**A.** With a background in social work and education, I have lots of knowledge and experience to bring to the role. I have a special interest in supporting young people to build independence and resilience in the face of adversity. This role gives me the opportunity to do what I love.

### Q. What's the best part of your job?

**A.** The best part of my job is making a positive impact in the lives of young people and working alongside my colleagues who share the same goals and values.

### Q. What's your favourite mode of transport and why?

**A.** My favourite mode of transportation is aeroplane (even though is my most frightening one as well)! I love gaining new perspectives and flying offers that opportunity twice. Firstly, physically – to be up and among the clouds, the horizon, and travelling alongside the sun just amazes me. And secondly, visiting new places, learning new languages, tasting new foods, learning about different cultures and just being a global citizen is my life goal

## Welcome back Flossie who has returned to work after maternity leave.

Please give us feedback by scanning the QR code below.



### Parent Quote

"D is feeling very pleased with herself. It is great to see her happy and positive and a big change from the frustration she felt before. Thank you so much for all your help so far!"

## BE SAFE BE SEEN

As the dark nights and mornings draw in, remember to wear reflective items on your clothing like armbands or tags so that you can be seen.



We are proud to share that this term 15 young people across Solihull have successfully completed our free Independent Travel Training programme and are now confidently travelling to their educational setting independently.



Road Safety, Personal Safety and Stranger Awareness  
By the Independent Travel Training Team



This term we have delivered Open Awards Level 2 Award in Skills for Teaching Independent Travel to colleagues working in Warwickshire's Independent Travel Training Team.

We also delivered Guide and Passenger Assistant Training to our guides working with children and young people on transport assistance. In addition, we have delivered workshops to many educational settings on road safety, personal safety and stranger awareness.

## We would love to visit your school, college or event!

Do you have children or young people in your setting that are on Solihull Council provided transport to school?

Do they live in within Solihull Council Borough?

Would they benefit from Independent Travel Training?

If the answer is yes, please email us on: [travel.training@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:travel.training@solihull.gov.uk)

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