

Welcome to this digital summer 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, in addition to welcoming Hassan to the team.

## 60 Seconds with... Hassan Iqbal



**Q. When did you join the team and what does your role involve?**

**A.** I joined the team in March 2026. My current role involves supporting students with additional needs to travel independently to and from their educational settings encouraging independence and lifelong skills.

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

**A.** Working in SEND schools over the last 10 years, has helped me by understanding the different needs of students, including learning difficulties, autism, and physical disabilities. Meaning if needed, I can adapt travel training to suit each individual, making it more effective and person-centred.

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

**A.** It is teaching the trainee skills, that could positively impact their lives forever.

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

**A.** Even though I haven't done it in a while, it's a bicycle. Nothing beats the feeling I get from riding my bike down a cycle route. It is peaceful and I get a workout at the same time.

**Q. Any hidden talents?**

**A.** It's quite boring, but from people telling me, I would say patience and calmness.

Did you know it could only take 15 minutes to apply for a disabled person's bus pass? Click on link below to see whether someone you know or support is eligible.

<https://apply-disabled-persons-pass.tfwm.org.uk/>

Please give us feedback by scanning the QR code below.



### Quote from a school.

"I will use all your information and links in the sessions - thanks so much, you are able to highlight issues in such clarity for our students, I really appreciate your input and support."



Our team attended a parent/carer information event at Hereward College. This was an excellent opportunity to share information about the service we provide.



Look out for our trainers, who will be visiting schools in the summer term, to deliver workshops to Yr 6 pupils with SEND and IEPs transitioning to secondary school.

Student quote "Thank you for all of your support with travel training."



Congratulations to Connor, Fay, Fiona and Suzy who are now qualified Guide Trainers. They are looking forward to delivering training to guide and passenger assistants working with children and young people on transport soon.

Fiona and Hassan attended Hazel Oak 6<sup>th</sup> Form to offer support with practical road safety sessions for their ASDAN course.



## 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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