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## **GET INTO LOGISTICS WITH ASPIRE CAREERS FOUNDATION**

**The Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport's charitable careers foundation, Aspire, has helped seven young people develop the skills they need for a fulfilling job in logistics.**

Working with The Prince's Trust's 'Get into Logistics' programme, Aspire co-funded three weeks of intense training, delivered through the expertise of the site management team at leading logistics company Norbert Dentressangle's Thorncliffe Distribution Centre.

The three week programme included such essential skills as manual handling, equipment training, interview techniques, CV preparation, and meetings with recruitment agencies. The seven trainees also have a seasonal job at Norbert Dentressangle, the opportunity to undertake the CILT(UK) Level 2 Certificate in Logistics and Transport and enhanced long term job prospects, having been taken onto the books of recruitment agency Best Connections.

The 'Get into Logistics' programme concluded with a celebration event at the site, where the trainees delivered a presentation on their experiences and received Prince's Trust Certificates.

Aspire's Donna Cresswell said at the presentation: 'Aspire is all about encouraging a career in logistics. We believe passionately that a lack of funding should not harm the prospects of people starting out in our profession. This is an excellent example of three organisations [Norbert Dentressangle, Aspire and The Prince's Trust] working together to provide

opportunities for young people. Logistics keeps the country moving and is an important career, and I very much hope the young people who have completed the programme will continue to develop in our industry.'

Norbert Dentressangle's Learning & Development Manager, Chris Dolby, added: 'Congratulations to everyone, the young people on the 'Get into Logistics' programme and the organisers and trainers. This is the start of a bigger 'Get into Logistics' programme for Norbert Dentressangle. People are at the heart of Norbert Dentressangle so this initiative is very important to us. Thank you to Aspire for funding the programme, to The Prince's Trust, and to the Thorncliffe site team.'

The Aspire-funded trainees themselves were extremely pleased with the 'Get into Logistics' programme. James Maycock said: 'It's been a great three weeks that got better and better. Thank you for the opportunity.' Kieran Chapel added: 'My

trainers told me all I needed to know. The ‘Get into Logistics’ programme was a brilliant opportunity to get into employment.’

For more details of how Aspire can support a career in logistics contact Emma Campbell at [aspire@ciltuk.org.uk](mailto:aspire@ciltuk.org.uk).

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**Photo Caption:** Trainees, trainers and programme organisers celebrate the successful Aspire Careers Foundation-funded ‘Get into Logistics’ programme organised by the Prince’s Trust. Seven young people were helped to develop the skills they need at Norbert Dentressangle’s Thorncliffe Distribution Centre in Sheffield during the three week intensive programme.

James Maycock, Kieran Chapel, George Jepson, Subair Hujaleh, John Gibson, Rudy Smith and Rashid Nur.

A high-res photo is available upon request.

### **About Aspire**

Aspire is the Careers Foundation from CILT, which is being managed as an independent fund within the main charity. The aim of Aspire is to help transport, logistics and supply chain professionals who might not otherwise be able to secure the necessary funding to develop their careers. It will do this by providing financial assistance for educational and professional development. Funds to enable this support to be given are being sought from benefactors from across the world and prospective beneficiaries can apply for support from the fund from wherever they are in the world.

Aspire is an international foundation designed to support professionals operating in a truly global profession.

### **About The Prince's Trust**

Youth charity The Prince's Trust helps change young lives. It gives practical and financial support, developing key workplace skills such as confidence and motivation. It works with 13-to-30-year-olds who have struggled at school, have been in care, are long-term unemployed or have been in trouble with the law.

The Prince of Wales's charity has helped more than 650,000 young people since 1976 and supports 100 more each day.

Last year, 80 per cent of young people supported by The Trust moved into work, education, training or volunteering.

### **About CILT**

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in the UK (CILT) is the professional body for individuals and organisations involved in all disciplines, modes and aspects of logistics and transport. The Institute's 18,000 members have privileged access to a unique range of benefits and services, which are designed to support them, personally and professionally, throughout their careers and help connect them with worldwide expertise.

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