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To Whom It May Concern

I would like to express support for the work Blue River is doing with disadvantaged young people including care leavers and ex-offenders in the West Midlands. I strongly believe that Blue River's projects are aligned with the needs of vulnerable young people in the community.

West Midlands Fire Service have worked with Blue River to support vulnerable young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to gain accredited qualifications and engage in positive activities, supporting them to stay out of antisocial and criminal activity and empowering them to reach positive outcomes.

Based on our experience of working with vulnerable young people, I believe that Blue River's work will:-

- Support vulnerable young people into education and employment, improving their future prospects and quality of life.
- Provide positive activities for disadvantaged young people, supporting them to stay away from crime and rehabilitating those who have been involved in crime.
- Support young people to gain a combination of accredited qualifications and life skills, allowing them to become more effective, contributing citizens.
- Empower young people to improve their self esteem and confidence by encouraging self development through involvement in accredited courses.

West Midlands Fire Service are confident that Blue River's work will improve the outcomes for disadvantaged young people in the West Midlands and we will continue to work with Blue River to ensure the success of their projects.

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