

Welcome

to Diagrama Education



Transforming young lives, together



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Diagrama Foundation is a UK charity dedicated to supporting children, families and adults at risk of social exclusion.

Our aim is to prevent people from becoming excluded from society and, for those that already have, offer them support with reintegration. We do this by undertaking research into best practice and, based on this, developing programmes, services and centres to achieve this.

Our approach is based on love and boundaries - providing the people we support with committed and caring role models who will do everything possible to help them lead fulfilling lives and make a positive impact on society.

We have a range of services in the UK including adoption, fostering, therapeutic support, education, social care escorting and residential services for young people and for adults with learning disabilities.

Our parent charity, Fundacion Diagrama, is one of the largest charities in Spain with an annual turnover of more than 90 million euro.

Diagrama holds special consultative status with the UN on matters relating to youth justice. Diagrama also operates in France, Germany, Belgium, Senegal and the US.

Diagrama's model is centred around social pedagogy - combining education and care with shared responsibility. We put human rights at the heart of all our work.



What we can offer you

Diagrama offers a professional, supportive and caring alternative education service, delivered by our expert team.

We offer schools and local education authorities part-time provision for students experiencing emotional and/or academic difficulties and who may be facing the prospect of a fixed term or permanent exclusion.

Our service can either function as a long term intervention supporting students through to the end of their compulsory education or as a more time limited intervention before reintegration into mainstream school.

If you have a particular need we can work with you to find a solution to your challenge. Call our education team on **07872 015163** or email today at education@diagrama.org

SESSION DETAILS:

- Each session length is half a school day
- Sessions are purchased on a termly basis and paid for 30 days in advance
- For schools/LEAs referring 4 or more students per session, session fee is negotiable
- Flexible start dates for new students

ADDITIONAL FEATURES:

Mentoring and peer mentoring schemes, where students are either able to undertake a mentoring qualification and mentor a younger student or benefit from the support of a trained and supervised volunteer mentor.

Our service

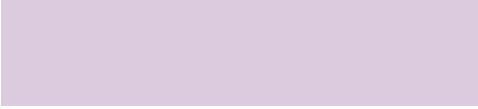
Diagrama's part-time alternative education service consists of a combination of academic teaching and therapeutic support sessions and includes:

- Learning how to learn
- Strategies for dealing with learning blocks
- Expanding students' learning styles
- Personal organisation
- Developing and maintaining motivation.
- GCSE and/or other accreditation support in agreed subject areas

Students also receive:

- 1 x home/family visit per term

- The opportunity for sessions to be held on or off site. Plus access to alternative locations for educational delivery, e.g. museums, colleges, libraries, activity centres, universities etc.
- The option of pick-up from home for students struggling with attendance.
- Sessions developed to suit the needs of the student
- Advocacy on behalf of the student/family if they are involved with other agencies or community groups
- An individual family intervention plan.
- Access to support from our employer network
- Regular feedback from Diagrama to both school and parent/carer.
- A Boxall Profile to assess student needs.



Why work with Diagrama Education?

Our aim at Diagrama Education is to support and create positive change within young people's academic, emotional and employment prospects, as well as those around them.

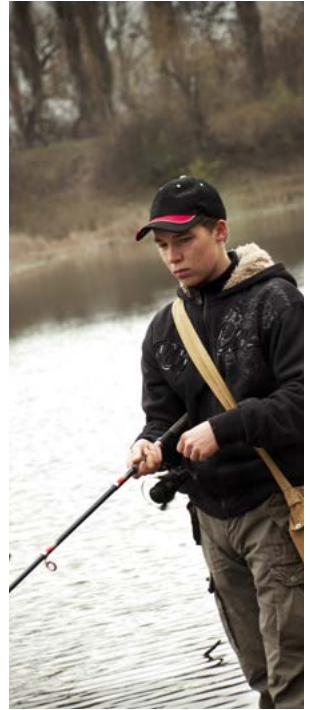
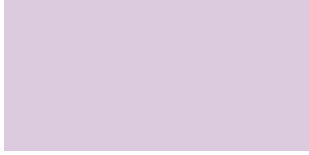
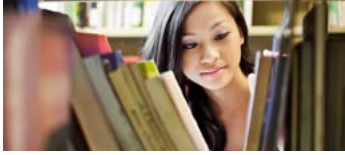
Diagrama's alternative education service provides integrated (therapeutic, life-long learning and progression/employability) provision for the most vulnerable youth and young adults.

We are a group of experienced professionals including teachers, group and family workers, mentors, counsellors and educational psychologists.

In order to ensure student engagement with academic development, Diagrama places a large emphasis on the quality of our teachers and the effectiveness of their teaching.

All staff are trained in the understanding and application of our systemic delivery framework as well as our delivery toolkit.

Our delivery framework is a collection of best practice and underlying concepts that guide and underpin the actions of our practitioners when delivering services to children and families. It reflects our experiences and learning over the past 20 years and is a continuous-



ly evolving document. We use many ideas and practices to support young people and the challenges they are confronted with.

Each student receives an individual family intervention plan delivered by a dedicated family worker because we recognise how important ongoing support is when providing effective holistic services.

Our team has created a successful and sustainable approach that focuses on five key areas.

- The way we think and behave : Practices
- Our knowledge : Theories and ideas
- Honesty : Our Qualities
- The local area : Environment
- Putting it altogether: Application

EUROPEACE YOUTH



Diagrama's education service is delivered under our subsidiary charity Europeace Youth (EPY - registered charity number 1155415).

EPY's objectives include training staff to deliver and develop our services; building local networks to sustain service development; researching and developing new, innovative and effective delivery methods and ensuring education and developmental inclusion are accessible to all.

Our approach

When students are first referred to our centre they will undergo a series of academic and psychological assessments to ascertain their abilities in Maths and English, to understand any behavioural challenges as well as their preferred learning styles and the effectiveness of them.

Our team will then reinforce the learning styles that the young person is familiar with using, but also begin the process of adding to the range of learning styles that they could call on in order to increase the effectiveness and permanence of their learning.

Students are regularly monitored to ensure consistent progress in their National Curriculum levels.

There will also be a focus on preparation

for employment as they draw closer to the participation age upper limit.

Where appropriate, a transition plan will be put in place to support student returning to a full-time place at school.

THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT

Therapeutic sessions will focus on developing an understanding of student behaviour and emotional needs as well as family circumstances and possible community support.

Also, a focus is placed on managing behaviour strategies for students in order that new, more appropriate behaviours can emerge. Therapeutic sessions are delivered on a 1:1 basis, in group situations as well as in the family environment.

Other Diagrama services

Diagrama Therapeutic Services - 0208 668 2181

Including specific assessment, Life Story work, specific issues – e.g. anger management and ongoing therapy.

United Safe Care Escort Services - 0800 169 0255

Officers are fully checked and YJB accredited. Secure and non-secure services available.

Diagrama Adoption - 0208 668 2181

We have a range of suitably approved adopters ready to offer permanent homes to vulnerable children.

Diagrama Fostering

We have approved foster carers ready to offer loving homes to looked after

children. Diagrama seeks out carers happy to offer placements to older children, sibling groups, children with health issues and diverse backgrounds.

Diagrama semi-independent home (for 16+)

Providing 24-hour support in our home for young people taking their first steps towards living independently.

Cabrini House for adults with learning disabilities

Our Orpington care home offers an friendly and active environment for residents to enjoy life and flourish.

Semi-independent, fostering and Cabrini House enquiries can be referred via: placements@diagrama.org or by calling 0203 137 2378.

Testimonials

We value feedback back from all our students on the service we provide. Here is what some of them had to say:

On individual support...“I don't think I would have lasted long in school. I think it's better here; you just get more support in everything you need to do and you feel like everything's nice. Everybody goes out of their way to help if you need something.”

On group work...“Say you do something but you don't want to own up to it, you think I am not owning up to it cos I am going to get in trouble. But after doing group work it doesn't worry you as much cos you know if you own up to it you're not going to get in as much trouble as you think. You might get told off or whatever, or a phone call home but you won't get kicked out cos there's always a second chance”.

On behavioural support...“If I was in high school I would get excluded for two weeks and come back after and it will 'be solved'. Here they sit down, talk to us about what happened and try to get them back as friends as soon as possible and then they come back to school. They sit down and talk to you and hear your side not just what they want to hear - they hear what the student has to say”.

On home visits...“If there's problems at home we would sit with my family and talk it out and see what could be done. I found that helpful because I used to have problems getting up in the morning and my dad used to get frustrated. So we found out ways to sort that out”.



Contact us:

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Like to know more?

If you would like to know more about Diagrama's other services please get in touch.

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