

Re: Letter of Recommendation: 1st Class Legacy

It is my pleasure to provide this letter of recommendation for 1st Class Legacy. The Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) first worked with Nathan Dennis, the Director of 1st Class Legacy, in early 2016 for the purpose of Nathan facilitating a focus group for the CCRC to establish why young people with criminal convictions were not using our service. This focus group, held in May 2016, was a great success thanks primarily to Nathan's organisation and chairing of this event, along with his charisma and excellent communication skills. Nathan has the skills to engage with young people from all communities in a way that gains trust and respect

Following on from the success of the focus group, the CCRC commissioned 1st Class Legacy, in September 2016, to provide training to all staff on the issues facing young people from the African-Caribbean community with criminal convictions. Nathan put this half-day training session together in a very short time frame and it met the CCRC's organisational needs perfectly. It was an excellent training session, that used a range of different tools and methods to communicate sensitive and powerful messages, whilst keeping the atmosphere of the training session relaxed and enjoyable. I received a great deal of positive feedback from staff on this training. Nathan's combination of professionalism and communications skills makes him an outstanding public speaker.

In November 2016, the CCRC commissioned 1st Class Legacy to create a Youtube video to raise awareness about the role of the CCRC to young people with convictions. This Youtube video surpassed the CCRC's expectations not only in terms of the quality of the production but also in terms of the messages and 'story' the film conveyed. In a short time-frame 1st Class Legacy created a film for the CCRC which is both powerful and emotional in a way that young people understand and trust. Since its launch in December 2016 the CCRC has received a great deal of positive feedback from a range of different people and organisations on this video.

In closing I would strongly recommend 1st Class Legacy if you are looking for a way to effectively and postively engage and connect with young people and diverse communities. Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Yours sincerely



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