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Dale Beaumont.

Turning adversity into empowering youth

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MUCH can be achieved by turning negative experiences into positives.

Dale Beaumont and Brent Williams, both 23, chose not to retreat from anguish but to use hardship, experience and determination to benefit others.

When Dale's younger brother died in an accident, Dale went into a period of depression. His cure was to immerse himself in intensive physical training.

Brent's life-changing experience occurred outside a hotel, two weeks after finishing Year 12. Two drunks pulled a gun and demanded money. His life flashed before his eyes – all the regrets and unfulfilled dreams. He vowed that if he lived he would strive for what he really wanted in life.

Dale and Brent have been friends since they were 13 and, with their newfound outlook, decided to target youth in order to do what they could to change the world for the better.

They attended seminars and courses ranging from neuro-linguistic programming to wealth creation and motivation, realised this empowering information wasn't targeting youth, and began to write their own program.

They progressed to running programs for disadvantaged youth at drop-in centres, then established the company Tomorrow's Youth. They now run two-day programs for people aged 13 to 21 called "Empower U", and have touched the lives of thousands.

Now, three years later, they have branched out into Singapore and Indonesia.

"We discovered Asia was relatively untapped, with parents starting to realise the value of personal development and life education, rather than just academic education," Dale said.

After working with more than 5000 teenagers, Dale and Brent say they are all the same the world over.

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