

# Preparation for Independence

OCNWM Award, Certificate & Diploma in Living Independently Entry Level 1

Students on this course aim to develop a wide range of skills to enable them to be more independent at home and in the community. They also take part in projects that build skills for work.

The group work on their independent living skills in our flat, preparing drinks and meals and helping to keep the area clean and tidy. We can also use the flat to follow personal care plans. We access public transport to go shopping for cooking ingredients and access local facilities such as Northwich Memorial Court, where we try out different fitness activities. All of the activities we do help us learn useful work skills, such as following instructions and wearing appropriate clothing.

As part of the study programme, all learners undertake work placements. This year students are running a 'Pop up' café in Northwich Library and helping at a local elderly care home. The group also take part in volunteering projects such as litter picking & preparing for Christmas tree sales with the Forestry Commission and Saltscape.

All students, whatever vocational pathway they take will have individualised functional skill sessions (maths & English) and undertake qualifications whenever possible. They also have weekly life skills sessions to develop independence and enrichment, where they choose from a range of leisure clubs.

## Employability

Students take part in vocational placements around the college including the kitchen, farm and More Maintenance. They also take part in a range of group volunteer work with the Forestry Commission.

## Functional Skills

- BKSB Initial & Diagnostic assessment (Pre entry upwards)
- Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills Qualifications for learners at Entry 1 and above
- Exemption certificates applied for pre entry learners and those who have yet to progress to higher level with bespoke FS sessions implemented.

## Wider Learning

- Life Skills
- Enrichment
- Residential holiday opportunities

