

Preparation for Work

OCNWM Award, Certificate & Diploma in Skills for Living & Work Entry Level 2

This course is designed for those learners who have yet to decide which vocational area interests them, allowing for 'tasters' in the different work environments whilst continuing to develop their independent living skills.

As part of the course students are encouraged to try out the different work areas we have available at Petty Pool; Animal Care, Horticulture, Conservation, Retail and Catering. Tasters happen both on and off site throughout the year helping students to gain a real insight to each industry whilst developing transferable work skills. Students also continue to develop their independence skills both in the community, undertaking travel training and domestically in our flat.

As part of the study programme, all learners undertake work placements. The Preparation for Work group run a weekly 'pop up café' in Sandiway Library serving hot drinks and cake made by the Hospitality & Catering students. Learners also have weekly visits to work at Dairy House Farm where they help care for the animals and help with conservation projects.

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 at;

- Dairy House Farm
- Sandiway Library Café

They also take part in a range of group volunteer projects with the Forestry Commission.

Functional Skills

- BKS 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

