



# INNOVATIONS

Providing opportunities for people with support needs to achieve their dreams and aspirations.



# WHAT ARE WE ABOUT?

Innovations facilitates social, enterprise and vocational pathways to give people with support needs opportunities and experiences to gain skills, build confidence and socialise with like-minded others.

Specialist staff support a range of programmes to develop transferable skills into life and work situations to help individuals explore employability options, should members wish to do so.

# MONDAY – ABOUT TOWN

This programme is about individuals coming together as a team to plan and access community and leisure facilities, such as: cinema, bowling, shopping, swimming and museum visits. This gives members an oversight of what is available in the local area, which could be Milton Keynes or Buckinghamshire.

The participants can blog about their activities, which will enable sharing of experiences whilst safely developing e-safety skills.

Group members will also develop skills in:

- budgeting
- planning
- negotiating
- travel-training
- communication

# TUESDAYS - BRIGHT IDEAS

This programme is for individuals who have an interest in Enterprise projects and is based at The Innovation Hub, Stoke Hammond.

The projects will be developed by the team, with an objective to market and sell to the public through market stalls, fairs and online channels.

Examples of projects that could be undertaken are: upcycling furniture, card making, collating images to develop Innovations merchandise, such as bags, mugs, and calendars. The **sky's** the limit for this group, where group members can take the lead in a business adventure.

Bright Ideas will develop skills in:

- running a business
- Profit/ loss and money skills
- marketing
- design
- artistry

# WEDNESDAY – FOODIES

This programme is for individuals to come together at The Innovation Hub, Stoke Hammond and learn about all aspects of food, at home and professionally.

Foodies will be involved in enterprise projects, such as providing baked goods for local organisations, coffee mornings and food fairs.

Foodies will develop the following skills for use in the home and professional environments:

- meal planning
- preparation
- cooking
- special diets
- cultural food practices
- kitchen equipment
- health and safety

# THURSDAY- ANIMAL CARE

This programme is for individuals who enjoy being outdoors! It will involve working with animals at Duck End Farm, Akeley, and visits to other animal care providers.

Group members will learn about the animals, their environment and how to care for them.

The skills developed in this session include:

- animal environments
- animal welfare
- feeding
- grooming
- communication
- teamwork
- animal biology



# WEDNESDAY- TWILIGHTS

## **Coming soon!**

This programme will be for individuals to socialise in the evening, meeting monthly and run by the team members with our support.

Meeting point will be in the community, decided by The Twilights.

Twilight's will choose the activities they would like to access. It may include eating out, cinema trips, social events or theatre visits. They decide!

# SKILLS UP

## **Training for individuals**

Bespoke educational programmes to suit individual needs, based around vocational subjects to support employability.

## **Training for professionals**

Working with Autism and Learning Disabilities is our subject!

We provide bespoke training courses to suit you or your organisations needs.

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# ABOUT US

Alison Bentley and Yvonne Patel have many years experience in the Learning Disability and Autism sector, as qualified teachers and experienced managers.

They have both worked in Life Long Learning and Health and Social Care services collaborating for over 16 years.

## **Our Vision**

To be a leading provider of high quality provision and training in the learning disability sector.

## **Our Mission**

To see people for their uniqueness, and offer a first class service for inspirational growth and development.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Innovations Hubs and community activities!