

STEPS News-



Quotes from Young People when asked what their highlights were in the first term.

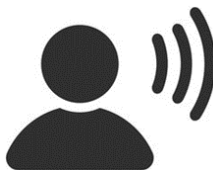
"Everything has been amazing" - Chloe

"I like being with staff and peers" - Lucy

"Being Independent" - Owen

"All of it. Making friends" - Brook

"Going on the train" - Lauren



We are proud to share some Achievements

Steps Enterprise Programs continue to develop and evolve where we have recently opened a Market Garden Shop.

The Chat Café is now at Ditton Marsh Memorial Hall and remains successful. We will soon be opening a lunch club to the public. Watch this space! ;-)

We are supporting one of our young adults with the opening of their own business by working with the Witherwood CIC Walled Garden Project. This involves creating learning opportunities and therapeutic outdoor space.. Corrie Hanley is one of the Directors.



Young adults tell us what they think of the Walled Garden Experience

"the garden makes me feel happy and smiley" - Jacob

"I am so moved and Lucky to be in the garden" - Staff member Rachel

We have many exciting Work Experience Placements taking place this year;

- Blue Cross, Elderly Care Home, Palmer Gardens, Larkrise
- Stourhead Walled Garden, House Tour Guide & Shop, White Horse Café
- FAC, Weavers Pub and Livestock Auctioneers

Having opportunities for our adults to be gaining employability skills and doing something meaningful they enjoy is important to us on Steps.



What we have to look Forward to

- ◆ Introducing Dance Classes to the Steps Program
- ◆ Introducing talking groups at the chat café
- ◆ 2nd year of working in collaboration with Wiltshire Police undertaking learning workshops where we will be designing easy reads for the police to use nationally.
- ◆ Developing enterprise Programs
- ◆ Continuing ongoing support with transitions out
- ◆ Mock Interview Experience with Tesco Supermarket

Chloe and Alice are very happy to have passed their Bus travel Training and now get themselves to work Independently.



Feedback is important to us. Here is some feedback we wanted to share.

"I must say I'm very impressed about Joe's learning journey and what he has achieved so far. I must admit the Steps programme with their well-planned facilities are indeed delivering what their mission and values are and I have no doubt Joe will finish the programme well prepared to be independent, live and work without barriers."

Mavis—Social Worker

"I just want to let you know that collaborating with STEPS and creating a whole-team approach has been an outstandingly positive experience for me. As an external consultant, I am consistently impressed by the learning, caring, 'can-do' culture fostered throughout your organisation."

Sarah, Speech and Language Therapist

We work hard to not only prepare young adults for living Independently but also to have a successful transition into their new home. Here are some update on recent transitions.

- ◆ Zack—waiting on his home in Trowbridge
- ◆ Joe—Settled in his new home in Salisbury
- ◆ Rhys and Josh—Best friends soon to be moving into their new home
- ◆ Esther, Dan, Joe and Ryan—soon to be moving into their new home
- ◆ George - Supported Living with Agin Care

It was an honour & privilege for staff and peers to stand alongside Ben in aid of organ Donation week. Ben has experienced the benefits of such a great service.

