

Routeways to Employment

Routeways acknowledged the achievements of its participants in an awards ceremony arranged to coincide with International Day of Disabled Persons on 3 December 2009. Congratulations to award winners:

Claire Beardwood
Gina Stanley
Ian Arnold
Terry Lyons
Hayley Knox
Marc Boland
John Burns
Isaac Collison



To find out more contact about the Routeways Project contact Lisa / Shirley - routeways@greenbank-project.org.uk

Welfare Rights Advice

Routeways continues to offer independent information and advice on benefits, debt management and moving off benefits and into work in partnership with Merseyside Welfare Rights. Sessions are available on a drop in basis:

1. **Greenbank College** - 9.45am to 12.30pm on 2 and 16 February and 16 March.
2. **Huyton Learning Partnership**, 43 Derby Road, Huyton, L36 9UQ - 9.45am to 12.30pm on, 17/02/10 and 17/03/10.
3. **Knowsley Community College**, Cherryfields Drive, L32 8SF - 9.45am to 12.30pm on 03/02/10 and 03/03/10.

Employer's Forum

Routeways employer's forum offers a range of services for employers including free training for members. The next meeting takes place in March - date to be advised. New employers are always welcome to join the forum.

Contact Lisa Turner – 0151 733 7255 for more details.

Working at Greenbank

Greenbank College and Sports Academy job vacancies are advertised at greenbank-project.org.uk. Check regularly for updates.

Future Jobs Fund (FJF)

Future Jobs Fund is a national programme to create 170,000 additional jobs for people who are long term unemployed. Greenbank is now delivering one of 5 FJF contracts in Liverpool on behalf of Liverpool City Council.

Welcome to the following staff now on FJF placement at Greenbank: Catherine Wheelan (Librarian), William Bennett (Maintenance Assistant), Colin Pratt (Maintenance Assistant), David Biggs (Grounds Assistant), Andrew McClaren (Sports Club Coach), Jeremy McDonagh (Finance Assistant), Tyrone Welsh, Christopher Brodie (Facilities Assistants), Eddie Molloy, Tony Diboe (Assistant Sports Leaders), Stephan Spendlove (Assistant Chef), John Watson (Catering Assistant), Charles Hardisty (Placement Support Assistant), Lee Wooder (Sports Coach Coordinator), Franco Gyancaspro and Harry Phillips (Driver /Handymen). Greenbank FJF opportunities are promoted at greenbank-project.org.uk and through Job Centreplus.

As part of its contract Greenbank also needs to work with other employers to offer new employment opportunities. FJF offers organisations an employee at no cost for 26 weeks. Contact FJF Department if you have know of any employers that may benefit from FJF **0151 291 9565**.



Diary

- **Catering Training Evenings** - Thursday 4 February and 4 March (5 - 9pm)
- **Review Week** - Monday 15 - Friday 19 February
- **Chlamydia Screening** - 1-3 March 10am-2pm
- **World Book Day** - Thursday 4 March
- **End of Term** - Friday 26 March

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Find out about Greenbank College course opportunities

Greenbank College is organising a number of events for young people interested in enrolling on courses:

Open evening for 2010 school leavers (and recent school leavers) - 4 to 6pm Tuesday 9 February

This event gives young people and their family / friends an opportunity to have a look round college, chat to current students and arrange careers advice.

Open Day 10 to 12 and 2 to 6pm Wednesday 10 March

A chance for individuals / professionals and groups to find out more about Greenbank College and the services on offer including vocational and recreational courses and careers advice.

No need to book at either event and a free taxi service is available for people from within a 10 minute drive time of the College. Just call 0151 733 7255 on the day of the event to arrange.

Greenbank College is also improving its website - greenbankcollege.org.uk and the course information available from the site including a new search facility. The new site will be live by 23 February 2010.

Date	Session	Time
Mon 8 March	•Sewing	10.30 - 12noon
	•Who wants to be a millionaire	10.30 - 11.30am
Tue 9 March	•Have a go Paralympic Sport	11 - 12noon
	•Simple printing techniques	10.30 - 11.30am
Wed 10 March	•Fun English - Five senses with scent	9.30 - 10.30am
	•Sewing	1 - 3pm
	•Google maps	1 - 2.30pm
Thurs 11 March	•Simple printing techniques	10.15 - 11.15am
	•Customer Service bingo	2 - 3pm
	•Cards and computers	2 - 3pm
Fri 12 March	•Getting started on the jobs ladder	9.30 - 10.30am
	•Making Puff pastry	10.30 - 12noon
	•Running your own business	1 - 2.30pm
Fri 12 March	•Making Swiss rolls	10.30 - 12noon
	•Co-operative games for all	11 - 12noon

New recreational courses coming soon

The College has a number of new recreational courses starting soon, they include:

- **Getting the Best Out of Your Digital Photos** - 24 February until 24 March 1 - 3pm Wednesday
- **Basic Wine Appreciation** - 10, 17 and 24 March, 6.30 - 8pm Wednesday.
- **What's in a name?** (Streets, Architecture and Parks in Liverpool) - 13 April until 4 May, 6.30 - 8pm Tuesday.

For a full list of all course vacancies, please visit our website www.greenbankcollege.org.uk



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Feedback

Feedback from Greenbank's customers is vital to the continued improvement of services. Students can let us know how we are doing in a number of ways including:

Learner Views survey

All students are encouraged to take part in the 'Learner Views Survey' which is available at <http://ffe.lsc.gov.uk/learnerviews/> from now until 12 February. Everyone should have received a letter with information about their UPN which needs to be inputted to log on. Make sure that you take part - ask your tutor for your UPN if you have lost it.

Comments board

Now situated in the College canteen. Post your comment in the box and the actions taken will be reported in this newsletter / displayed on the board.

End of course questionnaire

Distributed to people completing courses or at the end of the academic year.

Actions taken from feedback received recently:

Comment - Library rarely open on a day I would use it.

Action - Librarian appointed through Future Jobs Fund, now open Mon-Thurs 10am-4pm.

Comment - more sewing machines.

Action - £500 allocated to purchase machines.

School's Out

Greenbank Sports Academy has funding from Liverpool City Council's Aiming High programme to offer free school holiday activities for disabled children aged 8 to 14 from 9am to 5pm Monday 15 - Friday 19 February. Activities include - climbing wall, dance, art & craft. **Details can be found at greenbanksportsacademy.co.uk**

Greenbank's Got Talent

Congratulations to the student organising committee which arranged Greenbank's Got Talent.

Thanks to all the staff that supported them, particularly Trevor Wright aka Piers Morgan, Sharon Winder aka Amanda Holden, Jacqui Maylor aka Simon Cowell and Gordon Gorst aka Ant and Dec!



Congratulations to winner David Hughes, runner up Vanessa Pettiitt and Keith Moule who came third in the contest.

Matrix accreditation

Congratulations to Greenbank's Guidance Department, who successfully achieved Matrix re-accreditation in December for the third time.



Greenbank Library

Greenbank College Library is now open **Monday - Thursday 10am - 4pm** (closed between 1-2pm for lunch).

Services available include:

- Free internet for study purposes / research / news online.
- Course books (selected by tutors as relevant)



The library is free to join and is open to all staff / students and volunteers.

If you have any ideas on what you would like to see in the library, see Cathy Wheelan (between the hours detailed above).

Mr Diversity is coming home

Greenbank's Penguin; Mr Diversity is coming back to Greenbank at the end of January for permanent display. Look out for him in his new home at the College entrance.



Thanks to those that took part in the recent Mr Diversity photo competition - the winner is Tony Russell (see winning entry left) who receives £50.

History of Greenbank

Greenbank has been working with local historian Lynda Letford to produce a concise account of key dates in Greenbank's history. Printed copies are now available in reception at the College and Sports Academy and to download from the website greenbank-project.org.uk by the end of 23 February. Thanks to Lynda and also to the Greenbank staff and volunteers for providing her with an accurate account of events.

Support

Thanks to the following for their recent funding support:

Radio Merseyside Charitable Trust - £1400,
Tesco Charitable Trust - £500,
Liverpool City Council - Voluntary Childcare Grant £463.50.

Well done to Greenbank students who secured a wide range of donations for their Christmas Party raffle including £50 voucher for the **Powder Room**, £10 voucher for **Body Conscious**, £10 voucher for **Aura Hair**, flowers from **Jasmine Floral Designs**, Christmas table decoration from **Passion for Flowers**, **Box of Biscuits** from Tesco's and **Iceland**, **Academy Restaurant - Duke Street** - meal for 4, 2 **Boots** 17 make-up boxes. Thanks also to **Christine Alexander** for donating an Avon Hamper and **Christine Williamson** for donating a box of Thornton's Chocolates.

Your Choice activity sessions

Your choice is a learning club for and of disabled people which is funded to offer a range of free learning opportunities from now until the end of March 2010.

Choose from:

Cookery with a difference
Friday's 10am-1pm
15 January - 26 March



Chinese New Year Crafts
Wednesday's 6.30-9pm
13 January - 27 January



Fun Sports Activities
Monday's 11am-12noon
11 January - 29 March



Coming soon - music sessions!

No charge and no need to attend every week - just call in. All participants must declare a disability. **Contact Dougy 07821 670 111 / dougy.oliver@greenbank-project.org.uk for details.**

Community courses

Coming soon 'Cooking on a budget' at Woodlands Community Centre and 'Customising clothing and accessories' at Valley Community Theatre. **Contact Dougy 07821 670 111**

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Welcome

....to Learning Coach **Ann Hunter**, Skills for Life Tutor **Michael Jones** and Sports Tutor **Judith Hargreaves**. Also Future Jobs Fund Job Coaches **Dawn Romero**, **Sue Gough**, **Pete Wyman** and **Colin Grimes**, Co-ordinator **Annette Bagley** and Finance and Payroll Administrator **Helen Stewart**.

Goodbye and good luck

....to **Alan Campbell**, Maths Tutor, and **Angela Vaz**, Catering Tutor.

Congratulations and good luck

....to **Pauline Sharma** who has been appointed as Quality Assurance Manager.