

### Routeways to Employment

Routeways to Employment continues to offer support and training for disabled people living in Liverpool and Knowsley who would like to find employment.

The support offered is personalised and suits the needs of the individual, like for example Ian Arnold who had been unemployed for 18 years. Ian has always wanted to work in public transport and decided to put in for his Passenger Carrying Vehicle test, which he passed in July 2009. After seven months assistance from the Routeways team, Ian was successful in getting a full time job with Super Travel as a bus driver. Ian now drives the 173 bus which drops off students at Greenbank College.

**Contact Routeways to find out more.**

### 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 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

2. **Huyton Learning Partnership**, 43 Derby Road, Huyton, L36 9UQ - 9.45am to 12.30pm on 23/09/09, 21/10/09, 18/11/09 and 16/12/09.

3. **Knowsley Community College**, Cherryfields Drive, L32 8SF - 9.45am to 12.30pm on 7/10/09, 4/11/09 and 2/12/09.

**Contact Routeways for more details.**

## Support

Thanks to:

**Learning Transformation Fund** for supporting Your Choice project.

**Mace and Jones** for supporting the Student of the Year Awards.

### Employer's Forum

The Routeways project offers a range of services for employers. The Employers' Forum is free to join and offers a range of services for members including;

- Disability awareness advice around issues of employment of disabled people.
- An opportunity to network with other local employers and share good practice.
- Specialist discussion and access to experts about subjects selected by members.

The next meeting will take place from 10am to 12 noon on Friday 9 October. It will be hosted by Merseyside Police at their HQ in Canning Place and will be chaired by Royal Mail. New employers are always welcome. **Contact Lisa Turner - 0151 733 7255 for details.**

### Valuing People Now

Routeways staff have been invited by Knowsley Borough Council to take part in a Valuing People Now working group. This group will consider how the plans described in the Government Publications Valuing People Now and Valuing Employment Now will be put into practice. **More details and reports at [valuingpeople.gov.uk](http://valuingpeople.gov.uk). Contact Lisa.**

### Employment vacancies at Greenbank

Greenbank College, Employment Services and Sports Academy employment vacancies are advertised at: [greenbank-project.org.uk/vacancies.htm](http://greenbank-project.org.uk/vacancies.htm). Please check regularly for current vacancies

### Diary

- Thursday 1 October - Student Catering evening
- Friday 9 October - Routeways Employers Forum Meeting. Merseyside Police HQ
- Monday 26 - Friday 30 October - Review Week
- Thursday 5 November - Student Catering evening
- Wednesday 11 November - Open Day

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## Welcome to all students

On behalf of Greenbank's Council of Management and its staff I extend a warm welcome to new and returning students and trust you will have a successful year of study in 2009/10. We actively celebrate the diversity of our students across age, gender, disability, ethnicity etc and actively support this inclusive community.



Greenbank College offers many learning opportunities including, for example:

- Short introductory community learning courses which can be taken as stand alone options or combined with a wider range of choices.
- A range of vocational courses approved by sector skills councils, recognised by local employers and available to young people, adults or business
- A part time foundation degree in inclusive sports development
- Literacy, language and numeracy support

- Guidance, job search and employability skills development
- Don't forget the other complimentary facilities on offer which include access to first class gym, sports hall, restaurant, meeting rooms and accommodation at Greenbank Sports Academy.

We hope your time at Greenbank College fulfils your expectations and we will work to offer the support needed to ensure this happens.

We hope you succeed in your chosen area of study, acquire new skills, progress your employment goals and make a valuable contribution to College life during 2009/10

Anne Kinsella

Anne Kinsella  
Education & Curriculum Manager

## Why not bring a friend to College?

Greenbank College still has a number of vacancies for courses starting straight away.

If you are already a student at the College and you introduce a friend you can qualify for 1 month's free gym membership at Greenbank Sports Academy for you and your friend\*.

Details about current course vacancies can be found at [greenbankcollege.org.uk/courses\\_1.htm](http://greenbankcollege.org.uk/courses_1.htm)

\*terms and conditions apply - provide a letter of authorisation (from Stephanie Willis) and must have attended College for 6 weeks.



## Sefton Water Sports Centre

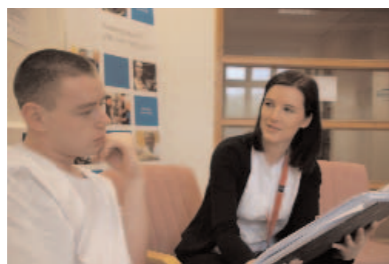
It is with regret that Greenbank must announce that it is no longer able to offer courses from Sefton Water Sports Centre (as previously advertised). This is due to circumstances beyond Greenbank's control. Course guides have been revised and should be used for information about courses on offer during 2009 / 10 rather than the earlier version.

**Contact Elizabeth/Jamie for copies.**

## Guidance Services

It's not too late to enrol on a course - find out more about what's available at Greenbank and other Colleges by contacting Guidance.

Greenbank College offers a free and impartial Guidance Service about learning and work which helps adults make informed decisions about 'what next'. So if you are thinking about enrolling on a course but are unsure what to do next - contact Guidance to make an appointment so that you can choose the best course for you.



## Catering training evenings

Students, staff, families and the local community are asked to support Greenbank College catering department's 'Student Catering Evenings'.

The evenings take place on the first Thursday of the month - from 5 to 9pm on Thursday 1 October, 5 November and 3 December this term.



An excellent 2 course meal for just £7.50 or 3 courses for £9.50. All welcome.

## Energy Efficient Light Bulbs

Pick up your free 'energy efficient light bulbs' from the College or Sports Academy reception. You must meet the eligibility criteria - **ask for details.**

## Student Have Your Say

Thanks to the 163 students who completed a 'Have Your Say' form at the end of last term. It is really useful to get feedback about what is good and bad about services at Greenbank College. Everyone stated that they had enjoyed their time at here and levels of satisfaction with courses was good. Summary of comments by department:

**Business Administration** - Staff have always been helpful in offering support with my work

More books needed for Customer Services L1  
**Fashion and Textiles** - An excellent variety of techniques, good communication and good fun.

Department would benefit from more resources  
**IT** - 5 stars for learning and support

The college could offer courses in sign language, Spanish, French and German

**ESOL / IELTS** - I am happy with resources especially with the smartboard

**English and Maths** - I had the best time ever!

**Sport** - Informative, hands on and fun

Full details available on Student Intranet / Marketing. Suggestions from students will be considered by Greenbank's Management Team

**Students will also be asked to take part in the LSC Learner Views survey between 1 October and 12 February - look out for details.**

## Go Penguins!

Following on from the success of the Superlambananas in 2008, Go Penguins is the new public art event for Liverpool in the winter of 2009 - and Greenbank will be involved!

More than 100 penguins including Greenbank's will be displayed in the city throughout the festive period from November to January 2010 and people will be encouraged to take part in the Penguin Trail, which will also incorporate a series of events and activities to encourage community involvement.

An artist will be commissioned to customise Greenbank's penguin to reflect the ideas suggested by College students / staff.

Workshops will take place during October - look out for details.



## Your Choice

Greenbank College has been successful in securing funding from the Learning Transformation Fund to fund the Your Choice project.

Your Choice is funded until the end of March 2010 and will offer fun activities for disabled people (particularly people with a learning disability). The first stage is to recruit 10 disabled adults to organise these activities.

**WANTED**

Your Choice Steering Group Volunteers

Up to 10 disabled and learning disabled adults aged (19+) are needed to organise fun activities for other disabled people on the Your Choice project



• Meet new people

• Try new things

• Make a difference to other disabled people



• Learn new skills

You will need to attend a couple of meetings per month at the beginning of the project and 1 per month thereafter. Support can be provided

Call Guidance to find out more and join the steering group, call **0151 733 7255** or email [greenbankiag@greenbank-project.org.uk](mailto:greenbankiag@greenbank-project.org.uk)

## Ofsted Report

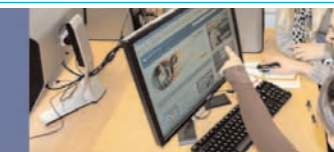
Thanks to all the students and staff involved with Ofsted Inspection at the beginning of July. Greenbank College has now received its inspection report and main points to note include:

Effectiveness of provision was graded as Satisfactory - Grade 3. The report notes 'Learners develop good skills and confidence and many previously unsuccessful learners make good progress'

From a student point of view comments included: "I've been to other colleges, but have achieved far more here". "Feeling part of one large family where people are valued and respected as individuals".

As a result of inspection Greenbank College has a clear view of its weaknesses and is working towards a focused action plan to address these issues. **Contact Anne Kinsella for details.**

Too busy to learn during the day?



**Evening Courses**  
Wednesday 6pm - 9pm

**IELTS**

International English Language Testing System



**IT**

Certificate/Diploma for IT Users (CLAIT) Level 1

Level 2 ECDL Extra



Contact Guidance on **0151 733 7255** or email [greenbankiag@greenbank-project.org.uk](mailto:greenbankiag@greenbank-project.org.uk)

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## Welcome

....to Brian Jones, Learning / Job Coach

## Goodbye and good luck

....to Frank Jones, Andrew Clarkson and Eric Scott

## Welcome

....to new and returning students. Wishing everyone a successful academic year

## Condolences

....to the family of Jon Murphy who died recently. Jon was a student in the Independent Living Department for 10 years and was a pleasure to work with. Jon was most recently seen at Greenbank at the Student Award ceremony to receive his departmental award. In nominating Jon, Sue Gough said "It has been a joy to teach Jon, he has taught us more about independence and living than he will ever know". He will be sadly missed.