

### Routeways to Employment

Routeways to Employment for Disabled People offers support and training for disabled people living in Liverpool and Knowsley who are looking for work. The project, which has been running for just over 12 months has successfully supported a wide range of people including:

- **Gina Stanley** who is currently on work placement at the Hope Centre, St Helens
- **Claire Beardwood** who has been offered a job at Mcdonalds following a successful unpaid work trial
- **Billy Garton** who has secured employment at the Hilton Hotel, Liverpool. Billy is deaf and as a result of his employment other staff will be offered deaf awareness training
- **Stephan Spendlove** who is now working as Assistant Chef at the Sports Academy (employed through Future Jobs Fund contract)

Congratulations to the above and all other participants who have achieved employment success. **To find out more contact [routeways@greenbank-project.org.uk](mailto: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 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.
  2. **Huyton Learning Partnership**, 43 Derby Road, Huyton, L36 9UQ - 9.45am to 12.30pm on, 18/11/09 and 16/12/09.
  3. **Knowsley Community College**, Cherryfields Drive, L32 8SF - 9.45am to 12.30pm on 2/12/09.
- Contact Routeways for more details.**

### 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.

### Employer's Forum

Routeways employer's forum offers a range of services for employers including free training for members. The next training session will take place from 9.30am to 4.30pm on Tuesday 8 December. New employers are always welcome to join the forum. **Contact Lisa Turner – 0151 733 7255 for more details.**

### Future Jobs Fund

Greenbank is one of a number of successful contractors who will be delivering Future Jobs Fund contract in Liverpool. Future Jobs Fund is a Government initiative which offers local employers an opportunity to recruit an employee at no cost for 26 weeks, with free training and support for the participant as well as an incentive to employ the participant at the end of the trial period\*. Greenbank is looking to partner with other employers who may have suitable work opportunities (which aren't existing jobs). Greenbank itself has a number of FJF opportunities which are being promoted through Jobcentreplus.

### Diary

- 16 – 20 November – Anti bullying week
- Thursday 3 December – International Day of Disabled Persons
- Thursday 3 December – 5 – 9pm Student Catering Evening
- Thursday 3 December – Routeways participants celebratory event
- Wednesday 16 December – 3pm Student Christmas Party, Academy Restaurant
- Thursday 17 December - Tuesday 5 January - Student Christmas Holiday
- Thursday 24 December – Sunday 3 January - Greenbank College Building closed

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## Closure of the Independent Living Department

It is with regret that Greenbank College has to announce the closure of the Independent Living Department, after approximately 14 years of providing this service for disabled adults. Closure is as a result of the loss of the contract with Liverpool City Council and Greenbank can not maintain the department without this financial input.

Thanks to the staff in the department -

- Sue Gough who has been a dedicated employee for over 20 years and has provided loyal service to Greenbank.
- Dawn Romero who has brought new skills to the department in recent years and actively supported changes in student activities

Many of the Independent Living students have been with Greenbank for a long time and will be missed by everyone. Greenbank wishes all students well in their transition to new organisations and services and know you will make the most of every opportunity available.



*Goodbye and good luck to ILD Students: Richard Billingsley, Sophie Bilsborough, Danielle Boyle, Jonathan Carmichael, Lee Cavanagh, Nicola Crute, Stuart Daly, David Doherty, Jenny Duff, Nicholas Fearon, Alison Greenidge, Jaqueline Haslam, Sarah Hodges, Maria Jones, Tony Kennedy, Denis Lawler, Michelle McIver, Thomas Mitchell, Lee Murphy, Helen Prytherch, Michael Redden, Sherine Roberts, Kevin Robertson, Marlene Vines, Keeley Whittaker*

## Introducing Mr Diversity

Go Penguins is the 2009 public art event for Liverpool – and Greenbank is involved. Follow the Penguin Trail of over 100 penguins for 7 weeks from 22 November and make sure that you don't miss the Greenbank Penguin – Mr Diversity who will be perched on the Co-operative Plaza at the bottom of Bold Street.

Take a photograph of Mr D and email it to [info@greenbank-project.org.uk](mailto:info@greenbank-project.org.uk) for the chance to win a £50 prize. The prize will be awarded for the best photograph as decided by a panel of judges. The judges' decision is final. Final date for entries is Friday 8 January 2010.



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## Learner Views

Greenbank College takes your learning seriously and would like your feedback so that services can be improved.

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 be given a letter with information about their UPN which needs to be inputted to log on.

## Anti-bullying week

Greenbank College is using Anti-bullying week (16 to 20 November 2009) to increase awareness of the issues around cyber bullying (this year's theme).



A Greenbank presentation has been produced and will be shown in classes and will be available to view on the Intranet and youtube. Contact Anne Kinsella for more details.

## Day of Disabled Persons

Greenbank will celebrate International Day of Disabled Persons by hosting an awards event for successful Routeways to Employment project participants on Thursday 3 December. Approximately 100 people are expected to attend the event in the Rathbone Room which will recognise the many and varied achievements of Routeways participants.

## Catering training evenings

Thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the 'Winter Warmers' catering evening held on 5 November (the food was a sell out). The next evening will be held from 5 to 9pm on Thursday 3 December and offers a great opportunity for an early Christmas celebration with family and friends - an excellent 2 course meal for just £7.50 or 3 courses for £9.50. All welcome.



## Enrol now for college courses

Greenbank College has a number of opportunities for courses starting straight away. Choose from:



- Award in Food Safety & Catering  
Thursday / Friday 2 - 4pm (short course)
- NVQ Level 2 Professional Cookery -  
Preparation and Cooking  
2 full days 9am - 4pm to be agreed



- Certificate in Interactive Media Level 2  
Wednesday 9am - 12pm
- Certificate / Diploma for IT users Level 1 (CLAiT)  
Wednesday 6 - 9pm / Friday 9am - 12pm
- iTQ Levels 1, 2 & 3  
Tues 9am - 12pm & Wed 9am - 4pm  
Mon 9am - 4pm & Tues 9am - 12pm  
Wed 9am - 4pm & Fri 9am - 12pm
- ECDL Extra Level 2  
Wednesday 6 - 9pm



- English Entry 3  
Monday 9am - 12pm
  - English Level 1  
Wed 9am - 12pm / Thurs 9am - 12pm / Fri 9am-12pm
  - English Level 2  
Thursday 9am - 12pm / Friday 1 - 4pm
  - International English Language Testing System (IELTS)\*  
Monday 1 - 4pm / Wednesday 6 - 9pm  
Plus Lots of course opportunities with a January start and a range of short recreational courses including
  - Childrenswear  
Wed 9am - 12pm
  - Introduction to Computers  
Thursday 9am - 12pm
  - Introduction to local history
  - Basic wine tasting
- Check [greenbankcollege.org.uk](http://greenbankcollege.org.uk) for more details or call 0151 733 7255 or [greenbankiag@greenbank-project.org.uk](mailto:greenbankiag@greenbank-project.org.uk)**

## Support

Thanks to the following for their recent funding support:

- Peter Harrison Foundation** - £12,000
- Abbey Charitable Trust** - £15,000
- Ford of Britain Trust** - £1,400 (pictured right)
- Marie Austin Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust** - £1,000
- Childrens Rest School of Recovery** - £12,000



Bob Taylor, Plant Manager at Ford Halewood presents Gerry Kinsella with a cheque from Ford of Britain Trust

## Adult Learners Week Awards

2010 Adult Learners' Week Awards are now open for nominations. Categories include; Individuals; Groups; Digital Participation; Foundation Degree; Power of Reading and Transformation Fund Award.

Visit [niace.org.uk/alw/nominations/default.htm](http://niace.org.uk/alw/nominations/default.htm) for more details. Please nominate any students who deserve recognition of their achievements.

## Christmas

Greenbank College students finish for Christmas on Wednesday 16 December and a celebration event has been arranged at Greenbank Sports Academy Restaurant from 3pm. Celebrations will be arranged by Greenbank College Students' Union and a meeting will be held at 12 noon on Thursday 26 November. Contact Anne Kinsella for details.

- College students are on holiday from Thursday 17 December until Tuesday 5 January 2010 (inclusive).
- Greenbank College is closed to staff from Thursday 24 December to Sunday 3 January (inclusive). The building re-opens on Monday 4 January.
- The Sports Academy Restaurant has a Christmas menu available throughout December priced at £16.50 for adults and £7 for children under 10.

## 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:

Digital photography – Fridays 1 to 3pm until 27 November

Card and decoration making – Wednesdays 6.30 to 9pm until 2 December

Fun sports activities – Mondays 11am to 12 noon until 14 December

New activities will be added on a regular basis (suggestions welcome)

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](mailto:dougy.oliver@greenbank-project.org.uk) for details.**



## News Staff • Students • Volunteers

### Welcome

....to Jacqueline Brown, Ann Hunter, Marguerite Clatworthy, Kieran Lennon Chong, Michael Jones

### Goodbye and good luck

....to Jenny Aspden, Alan Campbell, Annette Mackinnon, Jenny Thurston who left recently

### Thanks

....to Lindsey Kinsella for her hard work and commitment in painting Mr Diversity – Greenbank's Co Penguin and the group of volunteers who worked on ideas.