

People in the News

Welcome to...

Grant Mutter (Groundsman) and **John Chadwick** (Temporary Kitchen Porter at the Sports Academy)

Goodbye and good luck to...

Francois Nzeyimana (Sessional Maths Tutor), **Paulina Golaszenska** (FJF Finance/Payroll Assistant) and **Daniel Scott** (Photographer)

New Employment Programmes

Greenbank, with funding from Skills Funding Agency is offering 2 new programmes of help and support for unemployed people.

Return to Work (Funded until July 2012)

Return to Work offers a flexible pre-employment package to help people update their skills, identify areas for improvement and build confidence to attend interviews and find work.

All participants receive support to apply for jobs within their chosen sector and help to enter apprenticeship opportunities.

This opportunity is open to people 18+ and who are on active benefits such as JSA and ESA in the work related activity group.

The programme will run on a roll on, roll off basis and participants will attend for up to 8 weeks and between 8 - 15 hours per week. Lunch and travel passes available to committed job seekers.

This programme offers accredited and non-accredited support including:

- An employability scan and related job search, CV preparation, application support, interview skills and confidence building.
- Local labour market knowledge and awareness of current employment vacancies.
- Literacy, Numeracy and IT.
- Assessments can be arranged to help you know your current skills.
- An individual learning plan linked to your employment needs.

Bounce Back (Funded until July 2012)

For people 18+ who have been unemployed for less than 6 months and who are on active benefits such as JSA and ESA in the work related activity group and those who are employed, but under threat of redundancy. All participants receive personalised support to apply for jobs within their chosen sector.

The programme operates on a roll on, roll off basis and participants attend for up to 8 weeks and between 8 - 15 hours per week. Lunch and travel passes are available to committed job seekers.

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- An employability scan and related job search, CV preparation, application support, interview skills and confidence building
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FJF Update

Thanks to all staff who have worked hard to make the FJF programme a success for both participants and the organisations offering placements.

The programme has made a tremendous difference to Greenbank and many other voluntary sector organisations and has allowed them to offer an improved service.

Greenbank has offered placements to 600 job seekers, working with 65 organisations including Arts in Regeneration, Belle Vale Adventure Playground and Daisy UK and 42 participants have moved into jobs.

Funding for the programme ends in September and staff working on it will be reduced from the end of July. This is a difficult and uncertain time for the staff whose hard work is appreciated and acknowledged.

Diary

Enrolment Week -
Tuesday 30 August -
Friday 2 September 2011

Autumn Term -
Monday 5 September -
Friday 28 October 2011

(Review Week
Monday 24 October -
Friday 28 October)



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Learner Awards Celebration

Thanks to all learners, staff and volunteers for their hard work in such a busy academic year.

The achievements of learners were celebrated at the End of Term Learner Awards recently. Guests included, The Lord Mayor, Rob Stevenson (Mersey Cabs - event sponsor) and Mary Beaumont (16 - 19 Manager, Employment and Skills, Liverpool City Council)

Congratulations to the following winners of departmental awards for 2010/11:

Business Admin - **Steven McMullin**
Catering - **Darren Berry**
Employability - **Aleisha Parry**
Fashion & Textiles - **Kimberley Samat**
FJF - **Grant Mutter**
Hairdressing - **Olivia Stanley**
IT - **Matthew Chesters**
English - **Gary Holmes**
Maths - **Shantelle King**
Sport - **David Murray**
Sport - Foundation Degree - **Paul O'Brien**



David Murray was chosen as the overall Learner of the Year and **Aleisha Parry** as the Young Learner of the Year.

After the awards ceremony, staff, students and guests attended the 'end of term' party at Time Out, Greenbank Sports Academy - thanks to Greenbank College's Students' Union for organising the event.

Key happenings during 10/11 included a successful Ofsted inspection in which the College was awarded grade 1 for equality and diversity and the opening of 2 new work bases for learners; Salon HQ and The Doorstop Café.

What's next?

Now is a key time to think about the future in relation to signing up for courses. Greenbank College currently still has places for a wide range of work related and leisure courses starting in September.



Subject areas are:

Business Administration and Customer Services, Catering and Hospitality, Fashion and Textiles, Hairdressing, Information Technology, Sport - Exercise and Fitness, and Sport - Foundation Degree.

Full course details including course outlines are available from www.greenbankcollege.org.uk or by contacting Guidance - **0151 733 7255 / greenbankiag@greenbank-project.org.uk**

Greenbank's Guidance service offers free and impartial advice about learning and work on a one to one basis to develop an action plan to meet career goals.

Activities for Disabled Children

The Sports Academy is offering a fantastic range of school holiday activities for disabled children, their family and friends, aged 8 to 16 from 26 July to 2 September.

Activities include 'Multi Activity Days', incorporating games, sport, obstacle courses and cooking skills, plus 'Magazine Club' and 'Days Out' (including raft building, Chester Zoo, Yellow Duck Marine and ten pin bowling). Activities cost from just £1 per session. All bookings must include at least 1 disabled child.

More details available from:
www.greenbanksportsacademy.co.uk



Learner Have Your Say Survey

Thanks to the learners who recently answered questions about their time at College. A report and action plan will be made from the answers given - details will be available in September.

Recommend a friend and you both get a £50 reward!

Greenbank College has places for 156 young people from September and needs the help of learners who have been at College during 10/11 to help to recruit them.

College is running a 'Recommend a friend' scheme which pays £50 to the person recommending and £50 to the new learner*.

Return your form by 26 August to qualify. Additional forms are available by emailing info@greenbank-project.org.uk or by contacting Marketing - 0151 733 7255.

*Terms and conditions apply.



Fundraising

Deloitte

Thanks to Deloitte North West for organising a 'Family Fun Day' recently which raised **£2134** for Greenbank.

Members of Sports Academy staff and volunteers including Mark Palmer, Pete Wyman and Abdi Jama offered table tennis, wheelchair basketball and unihoc activities for visitors.

Achievement of quality standards

Investors in People

Thanks to the commitment of all staff Greenbank has now achieved the quality standard 'Investors in People'. Particular thanks to Pauline Sharma for co-ordinating the assessment process.



The standard demonstrates to those external

to the organisation that Greenbank's employees share the organisation's goals and work together as a team to achieve them. Also that staff are allowed to develop their skills and realise their potential through training and involvement in the running of the organisation.

The assessment process took place at the end of June and involved talking to 26 staff to gather their views and opinions about what it is like to work for Greenbank.

Disability Symbol

Greenbank has successfully applied to Jobcentre Plus for the right to display the disability symbol.



This means that Greenbank has made five commitments regarding recruitment, training, retention, consultation and disability awareness.

These commitments are:

- to interview all disabled applicants who meet the minimum criteria for a job vacancy and to consider them on their abilities.
- to discuss with disabled employees, at any time but at least once a year, what both parties can do to make sure disabled employees can develop and use their abilities.
- to make every effort when employees become disabled to make sure they stay in employment.
- to take action to ensure that all employees develop the appropriate level of disability awareness needed to make these commitments work.
- to review these commitments each year and assess what has been achieved, plan ways to improve on them and let employees and Jobcentre Plus know about progress and future plans.

Competition winners

Congratulations to **Ellis Fanning** for winning the Anti-homophobia quiz. Her prize was £25.

The winner of our recruitment event prize draw was **Lorraine Marcall** who won a £20 Salon HQ voucher.

Fashion & Textiles Exhibition

Well done to learners, staff and volunteers from the Fashion and Textiles Department who organised the end of term exhibition.

Work displayed was of an exceptionally high standard and was enjoyed by many guests.

The Fashion and Textiles department has vacancies for courses starting in September including accredited courses - Art, Design and Creative Studies (Fashion) Level 1 and Creative Techniques Certificate in Textiles (Level 1 and 2) and courses for fun such as Introduction to Bag Making, Crochet for Beginners and Clay Crafts.

More details are at www.greenbankcollege.org.uk



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