

# Skills Builder

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The Skills Builder programme is a 40 programme for young people aged 16-19 years with additional needs. Skills Builder forms part of the Foundation Learning Programme covering Horticulture, Personal and Social Development, Literacy, Numeracy and ICT. The programme runs over 4 days per week and includes a supported work placement. Each young person receives an individually tailored support package delivered by fully qualified staff in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.



Skills Builder Trainees

## Special points of interest:

New programme at Azure!

Meet the staff

Christmas day out

Trainees cook up a success



The programme is open to young people with disabilities aged 19-25 years old who live in Northumberland. It offers the chance to attend an individually tailored supported placement whilst building on personal skills such as literacy, numeracy, ICT, independent travel and vocational skills over the course of a year.

Every young person will receive a tailored support package for the length of the programme and be assigned a mentor.

All Placements are with in Azure's supported businesses

And are available in a range of areas such as Horticultural Nurseries, Garden Centre, Café and Administration.

The programme will start at 3 days a week and rise to 4 days as the young person progresses. All equipment and travel will be provided. Taster days are available for any one interested in joining the programme.

Anyone interested in the programme or wanting more information should contact Toni or Elsa at Azure on 01670 717106.



**Work Placement in Azure Nurseries** 

#### **Christmas Dinner success!**

On 13th December the Skills Builder trainees undertook the huge task of cooking Christmas Dinner for 40 members of Azures Staff.

This activity formed part of their City and Guilds Employability and Personal Development programme, covering Team working skills, Preparing food, Basic Cooking, Serving food and drink and managing a budget. All trainees gained RIPH Food Hygiene certificates. Trainees carried out all activities from shopping and

preparing the vegetables to table service. The event was a huge success and received brilliant feedback from all who attended.

- "Service was very good"
- "Well organised event- down to the table decorations-FAB"
- "Fantastic Food"
- "service was efficient and friendly"







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#### **SKILLS BUILDER**

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L-R: Rosemary, Ray, Elsa and Toni

We have four staff consisting of two Tutors and two Assistant Trainers, they help us with all areas of the work we do. Elsa Landreth mainly looks after the Horticulture side of things, Toni Fowles mainly looks after Employability and Personal Development. Ray Summerbell and Rosemary Bilcliff support us in all areas of training.

"All staff are friendly and very helpful." By Chris Bell-Skills Builder Trainee

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## It's behind you!

On 29th November 2011 trainees and staff went to the Continental Christmas Market, next to Gray's Monument in Newcastle.

We all found it fascinating as there were foods from around the world, the different smells were lovely. Before our visit to the market we had completed a research project on food from different countries around the world and were keen to sample them.

After some quick Christmas shopping and a festive hot chocolate to warm us up we paid a flying visit to Fenwick's Window.

We went for lunch at Frankies and Benny's, then on to the Theatre Royal to see Sleeping Beauty the pantomime. Everyone enjoyed the pantomime, we even managed to avoid the flying spider webs and water!

By The Skills Builder Trainees



Sleeping Beauty at the Theatre Royal

### Horticulture Training

Horticultural Training Unit at Azure offers a wide range of Horticultural skills, from growing your own vegetables to laying paving and building garden furniture on our Foundation Learning Programme. It is a fun and friendly environment to learn in.

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