



GreenCorridor

2020 – 21 Prospectus

Post-16 Specialist Education Institution



CEO Welcome



On behalf of staff, trustees and learners, I would like to welcome you all to Green Corridor.

We are a well-established charity that delivers post-16 specialist education to help address the employment gap for young people with learning disabilities living in the West London area and surrounding counties.

Based at our unique Learning and Development Centre adjacent to Terminal 5 at Heathrow we offer horticulture and catering facilities that help young people with special educational needs and learning disabilities. This prospectus will give you an insight into the life of our learning centre based on practical learning and bespoke consumer journeys including hands-on work experience and clear transition pathways into local employment in and around the Airport.

We fully understand just how daunting it can be for parents and carers to help young people to make the best choices to meet their individual needs. Here at Green Corridor we are proud

of all our young people and the expertise of our amazing staff who use their unique blend of skills, knowledge and experience to provide tailored learning pathways for each young person. This enables our learners to gain qualifications, confidence, life skills and independence to help them secure sustainable job outcomes. Last academic year, 80% of our young people completing their courses with us progressed directly into employment with the remaining 20% moving into further education and volunteering.

All who visit us for the first time are bowled over by our safe and welcoming environment, sense of purpose and our determination to go that extra mile for each and every young person in our care.

So please do come and visit us and talk to our staff to discover if our provision is right for you.

Tim Knight
CEO





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Learner Journeys



Alfie:

Before Green Corridor, Alfie struggled in mainstream school. He had really low attendance which was less than 50%. Alfie had no future plans or aspirations; no support network and didn't obtain an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP). We took Alfie on as a learner to complete a Level 1 Practical Horticulture Skills course with us in 2016. Since joining Green Corridor, Alfie has gained great confidence, has stronger social and communication skills and is better able to deal with challenging experiences. He has spent his time working and learning in our plots, represented Green Corridor at career fairs and has a strong group of friends. Alfie now has landed a job as a care worker at Voyage Care working with adults with learning difficulties and has already been promoted to Key Worker.

"Green Corridor helped me prepare for the real world."

ALFIE



Alfie's Manager at Voyage Care

"Alfie has great potential and is one of my star members of staff, this view is also shared by my manager.

One of Alfie's main weaknesses is that he lacks confidence in himself without justification.

Alfie learns quickly, has a great relationship and person centred approach with the people we support and promotes their independence. He is valued and respected by his colleagues, is honest, trustworthy, motivated to learn and has some great ideas to improve the service. He has now completed his medication administration competency and follows guidelines and support plans ensuring the needs of the people we support are met.

He will complete tasks asked of him, meet deadlines and I am so proud of him."



Anita:

While with Green Corridor, Anita's confidence grew exponentially. She started the Home Cooking Skills course to build her independence and left with a passion for catering. Alongside her Level 1 in Basic Cookery Skills, she completed a Level 1 Food and Safety course and often presented her creations to the corporate groups. Her attendance on the course was above 90% and she was able to understand the importance of telling staff if she was ill. It was always lovely to see her beaming smile around the site, and Anita was awarded "Most Improved Catering Learner" at our summer awards ceremony.

Since leaving Green Corridor Anita is now working in a school café as a Premises Services Team Member where she is making fresh sandwiches daily and helping to keep the café running. She is doing fantastically, and with a little bit of extra support from Green Corridor she has managed to adapt her processes so that she is quicker and even more efficient.



Stephen:

Stephen was referred to us through Hounslow 14 - 19 careers service after being out of education or training for some time. Stephen had been to colleges before to complete a qualification in horticulture but found the bigger settings just didn't give him the tailored support he needed.

Stephen has been at Green Corridor for a little over 2 years and has completed both a Level 1 and Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticultural skills, Entry 3 in English and Maths and he has competency certificates in a range of different power tools. He has been through some difficult times at home, but he is more capable than ever. He now has a great understanding of the world around him and his own abilities.

Stephen's Manager at Mitie

"In June 2019, Mitie employed Stephen on a full-time basis after he finished his education at Green Corridor. Stephen is autistic but has greatly impressed us showing an incredible amount of enthusiasm taking on this role.

Over the last 2 months he has really grown and displays great attributes within the role. He even came with us on our yearly picnic to Bournemouth at the weekend and he is enjoying being part of the team!

Stephen is the best person to be working for us at Green Corridor with his caring nature and understanding of the other students there. He is open and honest which is great for us to be able to make changes when required and he follows the tasks in hand well.

Stephen is now part of our team and he should be very proud of himself."

Home Cooking Skills



"I feel like I've learnt something new, everyone is so friendly and I am keen to learn more. I have never had a job or training before I came to Green Corridor, and I am now determined to get a job in a restaurant because I love learning about different foods, and I can use them."

MARIE

If you are aged 16 to 25 and you are not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) or you hold an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), then our free courses could be for you thanks to generous funding from the BIG Lottery Fund.*

We provide structured accredited courses in Home Cooking Skills, in small focused groups and with a one to one mentor. You will become more employable with us, alongside gaining either a Level 1 or Level 2 Award in Home Cooking Skills, you will build your confidence, communication skills and understanding of the working world.

We Offer:

- BTEC Level 1 Award in Home Cooking Skills
- BTEC Level 2 Award in Home Cooking Skills

Our courses are:

- Nationally recognised courses
- Hands on practical experience
- From 2 days a week
- Not classroom based

* Until September 2021, we have a number of free places on our catering course for NEET young people. Young people who hold an EHCP are funded by their local authority.







Horticulture

Our Horticulture courses are for young people aged 16 - 25 who have an Educational, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or those who are in the process of getting one. This means your course can be funded by your local authority within West London.

The courses are designed for young people who have struggled within mainstream education, but who want to achieve and get into the world of work.

All groups are kept small with 7 young people to 1 tutor. This allows for a higher level of support so that young people can have their voice heard and receive the attention they need. The lessons are individualised for each learner based on the young person's needs. We run 4 days a week from Monday to Thursday and those who are independent travellers will get

picked up and dropped off at Heathrow T5 bus stop every morning and afternoon in our minibus. Learners can also be dropped off straight to site by their parents or carers.

We offer BTEC's in Practical Horticulture Skills from Pre-Entry to Level 2. All courses are taught by our highly qualified and experienced tutors who teach in small group sizes. This means our young people will get the maximum amount of support whilst allowing learners to thrive and continue to positively impact their personal and social development.

“Our daughter has been very happy at Green Corridor and rates them 10 out of 10 every day. The staff are engaging, supportive and challenge her to attain new skills.”





Functional Skills

All young people who hold an EHCP are offered the opportunity to progress their Functional Skills as part of our curriculum.

Each learner is given a timetable for the day, meaning all Maths and English lessons are incorporated into their Horticulture or Catering lessons too. This allows our learners to achieve a great balance between practical learning and classroom time.

All Maths and English classes are run in small groups of 4 or less, this means our learners are getting a high level of attention and support throughout their courses. Our tutors incorporate Horticulture and Cooking into their lessons allowing our young people to use their maths and English skills in real life situations.

When a young person begins their time at Green Corridor, they are assessed to identify which level of Maths or English they would excel the best at. Once they have completed their initial assessment, they will begin at one of the following levels:

- Entry Level 1, 2 and 3
- Level 1
- Level 2

Learners are also given the opportunity to climb the ladder of levels from Entry 1 to Level 2 whilst they are at Green Corridor.



Our Enrichment Programme



Our Enrichment Programme is designed to improve self-confidence, independence and life skills and created to work around learner's individual timetables.

The sessions are run by passionate and qualified internal and external professionals and include activities such as; Boxing, Cooking, Relationships & Sex Education, Safeguarding, Zumba and more.





Learner Support

All learners who attend Green Corridor have access to a wealth of support alongside their course:

- Regular one-to-one sessions with our EHCP and Transitions Manager
- Work experience placements
- Employability workshops
- Support into sustainable employment or volunteering
- Sessions with our career's advisor
- Aftercare Support Programme
- Counselling is offered when needed



Our Learning Facilities

Our state of the art learning environment is designed to inspire and engage our learners, providing them with a platform for success and a peaceful space for our young people to learn.

We achieve this through the abundance of outdoor and indoor space we have access to, enabling your young person to excel in their vocational courses and Functional Skills qualifications.

Our purpose built outdoor facilities include 3 poly tunnels, extensive growing plots, an engaging and peaceful sensory garden designed by our learners, a pond, and an orchard. Our indoor learning facilities include a state of the art training kitchen, 2 innovative classrooms, our large barn which acts as a learning space and a community space at lunch times. We also have a large training room where guest speakers can present and a one to one space. We also encourage our young

people to travel independently by providing a minibus service from Heathrow T5 every morning and afternoon.

Since we have introduced these unique features as tools to deliver our creative curriculum, we have seen our learners develop new skills and interests, inspired by the environment we have created.



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