

# COMMUNITY CONNECTING

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Community Connecting aim to support people with Learning Disabilities, living in Wiltshire, find and sustain independence within their local communities. We can also support individuals into **college**.

## Did you know?

Wiltshire College have branches in Chippenham, Lackham, Salisbury, Trowbidge, Calne, Corsham, Devizes, Malmesbury, Melksham, Warminster and Westbury, offering a wide range of courses. Swindon College also offer Learning For Living And Work courses.

## Courses

Foundation Studies – Leisure courses for students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, they include : Art and Craft, Basic DIY, Basic Skills, Communication, Computer Literacy, Cookery, Horticulture, Independent Living, Media Studies, Personal Safety, Photography, Retail, Sport and Recreation, Voluntary Work.



## Cost

Foundation Courses are free, other college courses will have a fee payable but reductions are offered if you are receiving certain benefits.

## Dates for Diaries

Wiltshire College offer information & advice sessions, these are being held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 09 @ 6pm – 8pm in Salisbury  
Tuesday 9<sup>h</sup> June 09 @ 6pm – 8pm in Chippenham  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 09 @ 6pm – 8pm in Trowbridge

## How to Enrol

Find your course, fill an application form in and post any time after 22<sup>nd</sup> June 09.

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## **Meet John.....**

John was referred to Community Connecting in January 09. John was very keen to resume his love of fishing. John was very pro active in the search, he visited his local library which gave us information on local fishing lakes. A local Fishing

Lake was visited and John was pleased with the venue and their facilities. John, his support and the community connector worked together to ensure the Health and Safety, travel arrangements, fishing permit and licence were in place. John started fishing in March 09 using spam as bait, no fish caught, sweetcorn was tried with the same result, maggots were tried and 12 fish reeled in – result. John continues to fish weekly and is beginning to form some friendships and natural supports.

### **Did you know?**

Community Connecting can enable you to use public transport, this could be for accessing college, leisure activities, voluntary work, shopping, meeting friends or any other pursuit you choose to explore.



**A message from Teresa Conboy, Community Connecting Team Leader.** *The Community Team have now been*

*running for a year and we are beginning to see some great successes. We have worked with people who wanted to do a range of different things such as to travel independently, to find voluntary work, to go out into their community, to shop and meet friends. Most of the people we have worked with have been able to achieve their goals and this is down to their hard work and commitment.*

**Community Connecting accept referrals from Day Service Managers/ Team Leaders and from the Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities (CTPLD).**

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