

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.



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Pippa Blain



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A message from Teresa Conboy, Community Connecting Team Leader. We would like to welcome Pippa Blain to our team. We are still accepting referrals from Day Service Managers/ Team Leaders and from the Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities (CTPLD).

Did you know?

The Community Connecting team are supporting people in a variety of opportunities which have been based on the choices they have made, which they feel will improve their life. Most people only need a limited amount of support, directing what they want from us to achieve their goals.

Some individuals have wanted to make a contribution to their community and have taken up voluntary work. See overleaf for Andrew's story.....

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Meet Andrew

Andrew registered with Community Connecting in February 2009. Andrew was very keen to get a paid job but he felt that getting some work experience would benefit him, so his initial goal was to get some voluntary work. Andrew was very keen to work within catering and was keen to explore the café in Salisbury District Hospital. His first step was to contact The Voluntary Services Department for an application form, and then have an interview. A smart but nervous Andrew attended an interview, had a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check, an Occupational Health check and finally an induction to the hospital. All volunteers have to go through this. The volunteer co-ordinator then looked for any opportunities that were available. There wasn't any position in the Catering department, but the Medical Loans Library were keen to meet Andrew. A trial day was arranged and it went exceptionally well, which led to Andrew volunteering 12 hours per week, supported by Rob. There is only one problemFOOTBALL Rob is an Arsenal fan, and Andrew supports Liverpool! Well done Andrew, and a big thanks to Salisbury District Hospital, Jo Jarvis, Rob Bailey and the Medical Loans Library. Andrew hasn't give up on his aim of paid work, as Graham from the Wiltshire Employment Support Team (WEST) will now work with him to look into paid employment!

"John really enjoys doing his fishing once a week"
TM - April 09

"I am very happy with the ways things are going"
NH - January 2009

"Looking forward to starting work"
EB - April 2009

FEEDBACK.

"I have enjoyed my time with Community Connecting"

"The team needs to take a bow"
DS July 09

"I enjoy going to the observatory"
BH - November 2009

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