



A day of opportunities

taurus crafts

Wednesday 3rd July, 11am-3pm

Free entry & free parking

Discover the day opportunities we can offer people with learning disabilities and mental health problems. Through developing new skills, building confidence and enabling them to participate actively in the community.



**“Taurus Crafts
offers day
opportunities
in real working
environments,
which can help
develop new
skills, make
connections and
gain a sense of
independence.”**



Register your interest

You can register your interest through our [eventbrite event](#) or phone 01594 844841 to speak to our Support Coordinator or email enquire@tauruscrafts.co.uk.

If you are interested in attending and have specific requirements or dietary needs please let us know.

Itinerary

11am - the day begins and you can meet the wonderful opportunity coordinators and the rest of the team here at Taurus Crafts, join in the free interactive sessions.

Retail

- Have a go at visual merchandising with the Gift Shop Manager. This opportunity will develop skills in: Customer Service, Communication Skills, Numeracy and Social Skills.

[Click here to discover more about this opportunity](#)

Creative

- Get messy in one of our clay themed activities, This opportunity will aid the development of: Social Connections, Personal Expression and Well-being.

[Click here to discover more about this opportunity](#)

Catering

- Learn how to make a tasty treat with our Hospitality Coordinator. This opportunity will develop skills in: Healthy Eating, Budgeting, Dietary Awareness, Catering & Hospitality.

[Click here to discover more about this opportunity](#)

Co-production

- Meet with the co-production team and learn how the people we support engage in co-production in Camphill Village Trust.

[Click here to discover more about what co production is](#)

1pm - Enjoy a free BBQ lunch and explore the Taurus Crafts visitor centre .

2pm - Continue to meet the opportunity coordinators or partake in the free interactive sessions.

3pm - The day finishes, if you would like further information about any of the opportunities available you can visit our website or drop us an email to discuss the day opportunities we have.



How to find us

Car

Taurus Crafts is located on the A48 between Aylburton and Lydney.

Bus

Gloucestershire County Council offers further details on bus services.

See Gloucestershire County Council website for further details:
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

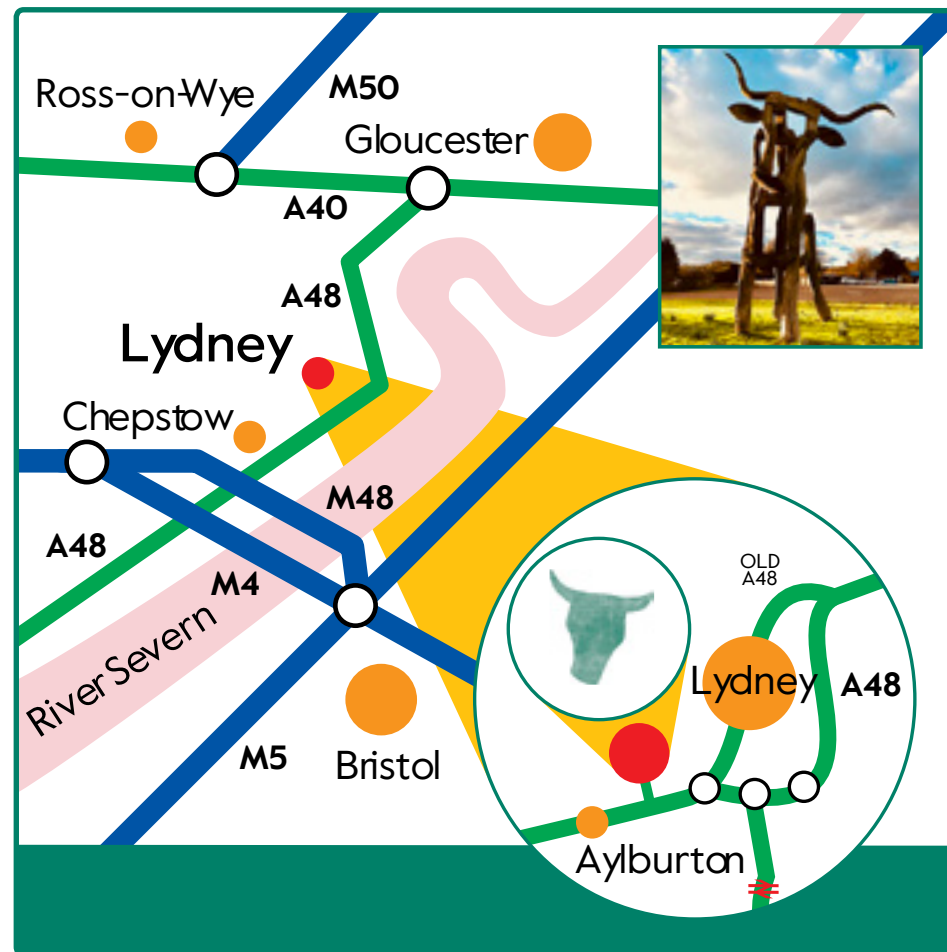
See Monmouthshire County Council website for further details:
<http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/app/uploads/2014/04/755-James-Bevan.pdf>

Train

The nearest train station is Lydney Railway Station (1.3 miles)
See www.nationalrail.co.uk or contact National Rail Enquiry Line on 08457 484 950.

Access

Our site is easily accessible by all, with disabled car parking spaces near our entrance gate. The site is predominantly on one level with easily accessible disabled facilities. Assistance dogs are welcome throughout the site. We welcome all well-behaved dogs on a lead but not in our café, the individual shops here have their own terms and conditions.



Day opportunities in catering

Taurus Crafts is a great place for people with learning disabilities to discover their own creativity, as well learn new skills and gain a new hobby.

Previous opportunities that we have offered are throwing a pot clay play, paint your own pottery and wreath making to name a few.

“Recently we have run a greeting card competition where a variety of drawing techniques were used to create a range of inspired designs from lino printing, Rorschach inking & ink blowing. These were then taken into Photoshop where the artwork was manipulated and overlaid with typography to create a range of designs for greetings cards.”

We are currently developing the day opportunities programme and please get in touch with us to discuss the opportunities that will become available.



Well-being

The benefits of being creative can be therapeutic very rewarding as it allows us to relax and unwind by taking the time to use our hands, minds, and energy, which in turns reduces our stress levels and over time improves our quality of life.

Connections

Creativity is not just about making or painting its also about connections both artistic and social. Our creative day opportunities nurtures the development of new artistic expression and the creation of friendships through a shared interest or two.

Expression

There is no right or wrong answer when creating artwork or expressing ourselves. Learners will use a range of creative media and be allowed to take a few creative risks while discovering their artistic voice.

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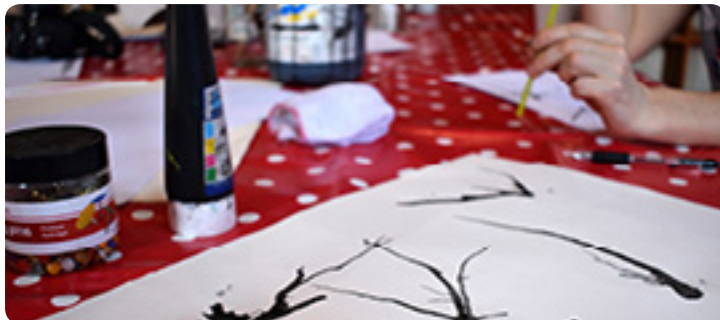


Creative day opportunities

The idea came from the people we support who were keen to get more experience in the kitchen and café servery but perhaps weren't quite ready to face the centres 147,000 annual customers and busy event days just yet.

The aim of our exciting new addition to the Taurus Crafts centre is to grasp new skills in the kitchen enabling an enriched home life and gaining enjoyment from cooking healthy meals within a budget as well as confidence in basic hospitality industry skills for supported work placements.

'It's not just about getting ready for the workplace it's also about building confidence and getting familiar with the tools of the trade and trying our new skills. After first going through the basics of health and safety and hygiene we will be ready to get the pans out and start cooking' – Hospitality School Co-ordinator



The courses that are available through the hospitality school are:

Basic Hospitality Skills

A tool for encouraging confidence and ability in basic hospitality skills for supported work placements and enhance the opportunity for learners to seek paid employment through inclusivity in the hospitality industry. This will be an 8 week course.

Basic Cooking Skills

Covering kitchen safety, health and hygiene, our learners will be encouraged to acquire basic cooking skills in order to live healthily within a budget, encouraging independence and confidence in basic cooking skills. This will be a continuous course.

The Enthusiastic Cook

For learners who are already competent in basic cooking skills with lots of new, healthy recipes, still concentrating on budgeting and kitchen health, safety and hygiene as they learn new techniques and cooking methods.

Cafe Opportunities

Taurus Crafts is a vibrant visitor centre and its on-site cafe offers the opportunity for people with learning disabilities to learn and gain new skills.

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Day opportunities in retail

We run three shops here at Taurus Crafts:
Paper & Planes our Stationary and Toy Shop, Fair-trade Home & Fashion and our Gift Shop.

“These shops offer the opportunity for individuals to increase confidence, build essential transferable skill and most importantly get a taste of real working environments.”

Working in our three shops offers the chance for people with learning disabilities take part in:

- Serving customers
- Handling payments
- Displaying products
- Stock Pricing and unpacking deliveries



Customer Service & Communication Skills

Undertaking an opportunity in one of our retail shops will help to develop communication and customer skills through regular interaction with customers and other employees who work on site. They will learn to work independently and as part of a team.

Numeracy

Numeracy is an important skill in retail, the learner will be able to develop this skill by helping to calculate stock prices, counting stock and more. A benefit of working in one of our shops is using the easy to use computerized till points where the learner will gain confidence as they progress in customer service.

Social Skills

Interaction is a key part of customer service. Through interacting with the public the learner will develop their communication skills and understanding how to effectively deal with the visitors and situations as they arise.

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Co-production and Camphill Village Trust

Seven years ago, we decided to take our first steps into developing a co-production culture within Camphill Village Trust. We wanted to improve every single interaction whether it be between a person and their support worker, a group working together on a project that benefits the whole community or even by creating opportunities for people to have real influence over the governance and direction of the charity.

The first challenge we faced was knowing how we could be creative to enable each person to take responsibility and ownership. We also needed to know how to agree and plan what a successful outcome would be co-productively.

“What was clear, was the need for a methodology, toolkit and not least the courage of everyone being prepared to take a leap of faith together.”

We'd heard about the work of an organisation called 'Learn to Lead'. They'd developed a co-productive approach that was changing the way some schools engaged with their students. These schools were challenging the traditional education hierarchy. They created environments in which students worked together to take responsibility to bring about the positive changes they wished for. In addition, we recognised many similarities, not least that many schools and social care provisions had developed a 'doing to' rather than a 'doing with' culture.

First steps

We realised that one size does not fit all. Tools, methods and facilitation styles would need to be adapted and developed to ensure adults with learning disabilities could

participate in a way that makes sense to them. Our aim is to enable people to see the benefit of taking responsibility for achieving the outcomes they want.

“The process is simple in that it starts with a blank agenda and two questions. ‘Why are you here’? And ‘what do you want to do’?”

By encouraging everyone to share in this way leads to an agreement about what it is we're working towards. It's important to recognise the contribution each person can make. Furthermore, we plan what each person will do and also identify where any support needs to be focused.

We share responsibilities, celebrate achievements and equally, embrace failure as part of the process. Similarly, this means that results may not always be achieved quickly or in the way expected. However, nobody said co-production was easy or for the faint hearted but the results are worth it.

Challenging and inspirational

Co-production is transforming the way we work with people with learning disabilities and autism. The result across Camphill Village Trust is challenging and inspirational to all. The people we support are growing in confidence. They're taking more responsibility in their own lives all whilst taking active and varied roles within the communities they live in.





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Camphill Village Trust

We are a national charity supporting people with learning disabilities, autism, mental health challenges and complex needs.

We have 10 communities and services across England where we offer residential living, day placements and workshops. People are supported, encouraged and empowered to make informed life choices, and contribute to society in ways that bring purpose and meaning to them.

Our workshop activities include crafting, pottery making, woodworking, baking, farming & gardening, and opportunities in retail, customer service and hospitality. These activities help people to live an active life, make new friends, learn new skills, grow in self-confidence and achieve personal goals.

When you buy from us you're not only purchasing a product that is beautiful, handmade and homegrown, you're helping us to continue providing a life of opportunity to the people we support. Thank you!

Camphill Village Trust is a national charity - to find out how you can support us please visit: www.camphillvillagetrust.org.uk
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