Flexible Accreditation to Meet Learner Aspirations

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Changing lives through learning





Our Impact

Vision

To change lives through learning.

Our values

Excellence Respect Innovation Aspiration

Mission statement

To support educational achievement for all learners.

33,292

Learners registered

17,973

Certificates issued

614

Approved providers

Our Learner Aspirations



"To find a job I will love and can see myself pursuing in the future."

"I want to be more confident in the classroom and at home."

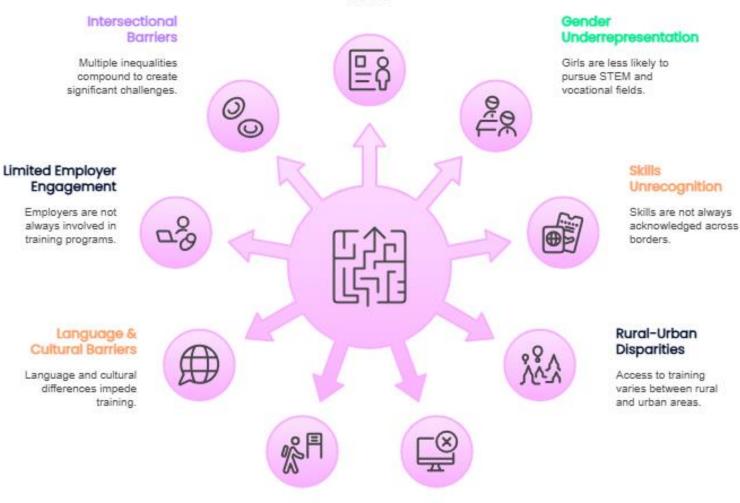
"To study towards maths Functional Skills and then an apprenticeship."

Global Challenge

Why Inclusion Matters

High Unemployment

Young people with SEND face significant job market hurdles.



Dropout & NEET

Many young people are neither in education nor employment.

Digital Divide

Unequal access to technology hinders skill development.

Assessment for Inclusion

Practical Assessments: Hands-on tasks that require learners to apply their knowledge and skills in real-world scenarios.

Digital Assessments: Online assessments, simulations, and interactive exercises that can provide immediate feedback and personalised learning experiences.

High-quality Internal Assessment: Collections of learner work that demonstrate their progress and achievements over time.

Portfolios of evidence can include a wide and varied range of assessment methods: essays, projects, presentations, and practical tasks that showcase their skills and knowledge.



Bespoke Curriculum and Outcomes

Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement Framework. Maintained focus on quality of teaching, learning and achievement.

Structured progress tracking. Breaking long-term targets into meaningful, achievable and measurable outcomes.

Personalised curriculum and outcomes to achieve learner's aspirations. Particularly valuable for learners with SEND and complex learning needs.



Bespoke Qualification Development

Regulated or non-regulated provision dependent on purpose and progression.

Tailored for specific skills, knowledge or job roles. Particularly valuable for adult learners and those with complex learning needs.

Flexible approach to assessment and evidence.

Partnership approach with education providers and employers.



Supported Internships and Supported Apprenticeships

Specialist partners (e.g., employer, supported employer provider, and education).

Personalised curriculum and outcomes to achieve learner's aspirations. Focus on learning skills in the workplace by 'doing'.

Sustained employment rates significantly higher than mainstream pathways for SEND learners.

Increased focus on **reasonable adjustments** and aligning education support with in-work support.



Micro-credentials and Digital Badges

Growing use of **bite-sized qualifications** and digital badges to capture specific skills development.

Learners with SEND or disrupted education can build skills in **manageable chunks**.

Badges **make invisible skills visible** (teamwork, employability, digital literacy).

Portable and recognisable.

Flexible and customisable.



International Implementation



Assessment for inclusion: choice of methods (practical, digital, adaptable), not only exams.



Partnership with employers and specialist providers: ensures learning translates into real opportunities.



Flexibility is key: multiple routes to achievement through full qualifications, micro-credentials, and badges.



Digital and flexible recognition tools: allow learners to carry achievements across borders, supporting mobility.

Thank you!

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