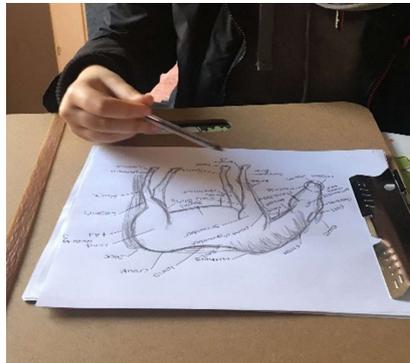
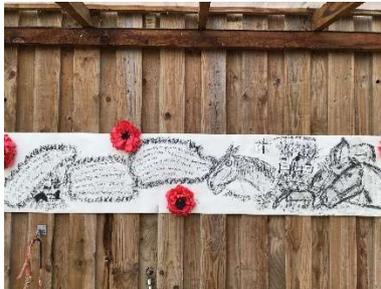




Art and the Outdoors

Alternative Education Provision



What you need to know about 'Art and the Outdoors', Alternative Education Provision



What is Art and the Outdoors?

Art and the Outdoors, is a child centred learning environment, that creates an abundance of positive opportunities to develop a love of learning in a safe and supportive space with 1:1 facilitation.

Art and the Outdoors is committed to delivering high quality alternative education provision for learners from Yr 3 – Post 16 and beyond.

There is a focus on play through the arts, developing supported risk taking whilst experiencing art techniques, such as working with clay, paint, collage, sculpture etc, inspired by our outdoor experiences.

Exploration of the natural world, creative supported risk taking and engagement through the many and varied arts, enables learners to develop confidence and self esteem. Allowing each student the opportunity to stretch the expectations they have for themselves, persevering to create opportunities to reach their full potential.

We are based at Wick farm, Farleigh Wick, between Bath and Bradford-on-Avon.



We believe that:

- Everybody has the ability to reach their full potential when they feel accepted and valued
- Everybody deserves an education that meets their individual needs.
- When there is a focus on play through the arts, learners are able to enjoy the process of learning, helping them to develop a life long, love of learning
- Developing social communication skills and emotional resilience underpins what is needed to learn, grow and function in a complicated world.
- All behaviour is communication and sometimes people need help to develop skills in communicating their needs.

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Staff:

Jen Chequer



As a qualified teacher who has worked in mainstream, special schools and alternative education for 18+ years, I have a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the challenges learners face when accessing education.

My journey in education began by teaching voluntarily at the 'Riding for the Disabled Association' prior to completing my PGCE in art and design education many moons ago. Here I recognised the benefits of learning outdoors, alongside animals and the natural world.

I have been lucky to have had the opportunity to work at Wiltshire Equine Assisted Learning over the past few years. Here every student was given the opportunity to develop a love of learning through the positive trusting relationships formed and accessible work fit for purpose and meeting the needs of each student individually.

I have extensive experience of working with learners with Special Educational Needs and disabilities (SEND), and have advanced my training to incorporate qualifications such as 'Understanding Autism'.

Working in a trauma informed way, I am able to build supportive trusting relationships with the learners in my care, allowing them the safe space in which they can not only learn but also thrive.

I am DBS checked, have completed safeguarding training and I am also a first aider.

All activities are risk assessed and we hold full public liability insurance. We are accredited for alternative education provision by Wiltshire Council. Information that may be required for schools to hold regarding our provision will be available soon on our website to download for your records. As soon as this is available we will forward on the details.