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Skillway

The Old Chapels

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SKILLWAY★

Registered Charity Number 277631

(Part of the Warehouse Christian Trust)

Established 1998

SUPPORTING A STUDENT

SKILLWAY★

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

MOTIVATE
via dedicated, professional, trade experienced tutors

CREATE
in professional, well equipped workshops and studio

DEVELOP
by building confidence, self-esteem and life skills

SUCCEED
in gaining employment and further training opportunities

LEADING TO practical skills for life

A CRAFT SKILLS TRAINING UNIT
promoting manual and life skills to aid employability.

Students are usually referred to Skillway by their schools, but we also have some young people who are Home Educated, for a wide variety of reasons. Some students come for one term, some for a year, and some stay with us for two or more years.

In general students will attend for one day per week in term time, replacing a day at their school or special unit.

Most will learn woodworking skills for half of the day, and metalworking skills for the other half. Some will solely work in the Creative Arts studio, and others will have an individualised scheme developed for their personal needs.

All will have been interviewed before starting at Skillway as the best outcomes are achieved by assessing the student's own particular needs and whether they have a spark of interest in craft skills. Skillway is not a punishment centre; it is a place for learning manual crafts and learning how to develop those essential personal skills that will lead to further training and employability.

Past students have gone on to rewarding work placements and some have even started their own successful businesses. We do have some who do not use the opportunities wisely, and occasionally we do part company – but not without a great effort on our part.

The cost of supporting a student for one day per week for a year is approximately £2,500.

Schools do subsidise the pupils to a lesser or greater extent, but the number of young people they send is limited by school budgets, not by the number of pupils who would benefit and are disadvantaged in school.

We are a small local Charity and **receive no Government funding**, relying entirely on Grant makers, fund raising events, and personal supporters and groups.

We have for some years run a scheme whereby altruistic people and organisations can support one or more students through a school year. Although we prefer a contribution of the whole year's costs (£2,500), arrangements can be made to support a student for individual term(s).

In return for your support, Skillway will provide a termly progress report, (which may be anonymised if the particular student requires the greatest protection). You would be able to visit the workshops and see your student working, and would be invited to Open Days and similar events. We would try to let you know what they do after leaving Skillway, although that is not always easy to monitor, so we cannot guarantee it. We would also display your name and/or logo, acknowledging your support, on our publications, but only with your permission.

The reward for you is knowing that you have helped at least one young person onto a road leading to employability, a happier life, and better integration into the community; a life of "Can Do" rather than "What's the point?", and the potential social stigmas that come with it.

What to do next?

Please get in touch with the General Manager, Greg Bleach, at the workshops. Ideally we would like to arrange a visit so that you can see the workshops in action and talk through any options.

Otherwise, please send an email or letter to:

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stating the number of students that you would like to support and when you would like to begin!
We will provide details of our Bank account and payee information.

We look forward to welcoming you - and adding you to our little galaxy of stars.

