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Training and Progression Programme

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ABOUT US

The Bluestack Special Needs Foundation

The Bluestack Special Needs Foundation CLG is a voluntary organisation run predominantly by parents of children with special needs and professionals who work in the disability sector.

Set up by the Bluestack Challenge committee in 2002 the Bluestack Special Needs Foundation has as its core aim to "Empower people with Disabilities to live full lives by supporting them, their families, friends and carers".

Working with families who have dependants with physical, sensory, intellectual and mental health disabilities, regardless of whether the disability results in profound, moderate or mild additional needs. We also work with families who are pre-diagnosis but engaged in the assessment of needs process.

Our aim is to act as an initial point of contact and information. We strive to support people with disabilities in reaching their full potential, to support families caring for dependents with disabilities and to raise awareness and promote advocacy.

The Training and Progression Programme

The Training and Progression Programme is a new venture by the Bluestack Special Needs Foundation funded through the Dormant Accounts Fund targeted at our young adults with additional needs.

Our three core aims are
- to prepare for and find employment
- to further education
- to explore enterprise.

Our aim is to work on an individual basis and in a group setting to help set goals, find out what their personal aspirations are, whilst working towards fulfilling them.

In the programme we are working on core skills that benefit the participants throughout every walk of life, for example money management, IT skills, communication, literacy, confidence building, interpersonal and social skills, working as part of a team but also independently as well as gaining accreditations eg. manual handling and fire safety.

We cover a broad range of practical skills and other workshops relevant to the interests and progression of each individual. The programme is about setting our young adults on the pathway towards their personal goals within these core aims.

Feedback From Our Families

"His talking and involvement in conversation and taking part in work experience has been so good for him."
"He has got more confident in himself and more chilled out at home."

"Fantastic commitment and structure. Well done to you all."
"He's loving life since he started the TPP."

"...more capable..."
"The foundation is her life.. She is so excited to go to training, Bluestack meets all of her individual needs."

"No other establishment like it."

"It has built more confidence in ___ and he also finds it easier mixing with others his own age."

"He loves going in to the Bluestack."

"...shes now mixing much better with her friends and going out to socialise a lot more"
"...found the meditation very helpful after her father passed away, she was very stressed out and it helped her greatly."

"...has come out of herself more..."

"...made her more responsible and given her more work ability.."

"What the TPP has done for ___ has been above and beyond... couldn't be happier."

"It has helped his social skills and he's also less anxious"

Photos of Programme



Our Key Aims:

Employment

Our main focus is to get our trainees into meaningful employment based on their goals and aspirations. We sit down with all of our trainees at the beginning of their journey with us and find out about their interests and what they truly aspire to do and be, we then find suitable work placements based solely on these desires and some of these placements have then progressed into permanent employment.



find area of interest



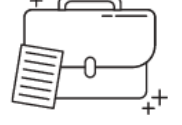
give training



Contact businesses



Support throughout



Employment

Education

We are here to help and give guidance to any of our trainees should they choose to return to or further their education. We have facilitated a number of courses from the DLDC, ILMI and ETB to help our trainees regularly add to their CV and gain accreditations.



Online Learning



Hands on Learning



One to one learning



Personal directed learning

Enterprise

We are here to fully encourage and help in any way we can with any of our trainees that have aspirations of setting up their own businesses, We will help research and bring to market any pursuits the trainees would like to venture into.



Creative ideas



Explore Options



One to one Business Model



Mentor in area of expertise

Why the Training and Progression Programme?

In the training and progression programme we sit down individually with all of our trainees to find out what their goals and aspirations are in life and where they would like to see themselves going personally and professionally. We then come up with an individualised plan based on each trainees goals and where they would like to see themselves going in the future whether it be a job they would like to see themselves in, a desire to return to education or explore the possibility of setting up their own business, a personal aspiration they have like learning to drive, or learning new skills like IT or sewing. The rest of our programme is focused on developing our trainees social and interpersonal skills, confidence in themselves and fostering their independence!

We will support our young adults towards wherever they strive to be in life



Would you like to learn new skills and receive qualifications?



Would you like a safe environment to explore career options?



Would you like our professional staff's help and guidance in supporting you towards your goals?

Essential Information

Our training runs at a cost of €15 per day and this covers the cost of everything the trainees partake in, most days making our own lunches as part of our training. This also covers the cost of all external training suppliers and workshops that we facilitate for the group.

We have continuous intake throughout the calendar year.

We have worked with organisations such as ETB, ILMI and DLDC to provide training and accreditations for our trainees.

We have facilitated workshops in topics such as Drama and Self-Compassion.

We give our trainees help in researching and applying for other courses that they may be interested in or we think would set them on the pathway to fulfilling their aspirations and our full support in working on whatever skills they may need to get them ready for the course.

