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The Kingston Eco-op

Organisation details

Description of activity

The Kingston Eco-op is a project which offers a range of developmental activities for adults who have learning disabilities, mental health problems or other challenges in their lives.

We do this to make it possible for people who experience mental and physical distress to live full lives, and play their full part in society.

We aim to effect personal and social change by:

Reducing isolation

Increasing self confidence and esteem

Developing skills for self-help and mutual support

Learning and gaining qualifications

Educating, caring and becoming involved with the local community

Creating opportunities to increase employment skills

Kingston Eco-op provides:

Work experience: Currently participants are doing poppy assembly in conjunction with charity RBL (Royal British Legion). This is a positive experience in its own right, as it helps clients learn new skills and build their confidence whilst helping them on the path towards learning employment skills.

Social activities: This includes topical group discussions, book clubs and group exercise sessions to aid wellbeing and promote learning.

Group trips: This year this has included a River Thames Cruise, Hayling Island seaside trip and a Christmas meal. These trips are hugely important for our clients, reducing isolation and helping them grow in confidence and experience new places.

Development of skills: Each service user has an individual meeting with the workshop staff to review their progress and to discuss issues such as:

Timekeeping

Attendance

Ability to carry out agreed tasks

Engagement with staff and other service users These help identify the strengths and support needs of the participant. Once people feel ready for work or volunteering, we provide a reference and help with CVs and job applications.

We have links with Richmond & Hillcroft Adult Community College (RHACC), the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames employment support team and Balance Kingston to provide training and support into work and volunteering for our service users and volunteers.

Contact details

Telephone

07947 574123

Email address

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Website

<http://www.kingstoneco-op.org.uk/>

Social media links

X link

<https://twitter.com/kingstonecoop>

Facebook link

<https://www.facebook.com/KingstonEcoop>

Address details

Building name

The Basement

Address 1

John Bunyan Baptist Church

Address 2

Queen Elizabeth Road

County

Kingston

Postcode

KT2 6RJ

Accessibility

Parking facilities

No

Please enter any further details about your accessibility / specialist support

Public transport

There are main bus stops at either Fairfield or Cromwell Road & Kingston train station is located nearby. The bus stops and train station are about 5mins walk away from us.

Driving

There is no parking at the church itself but there is a car park at Fairfield. People can be dropped off by driving into Hardman Road and ringing our doorbell so staff can come outside and assist.

We are directly opposite Tiffin Boys school on the other side of the road but if you get stuck, our phone number is 07947 574123 and we will help you find the building.

Availability details

Days and times of activity / opening

Tuesday	from 10:00	to 15:00
Wednesday	from 10:00	to 15:00
Thursday	from 10:00	to 15:00
Friday	from 10:00	to 15:00

When is the activity or service available

All Year Round

How to access the service/activity

Referral required |

Description of eligibility or referral criteria and pathways (if applicable)

Kingston Eco-op welcomes referrals from Kingston or any of our neighbouring local authorities for adults over 18 years of age who have learning disabilities, mental health difficulties, or are at risk of social exclusion.

Does a parent / carer need to stay on premises during activity

No

Is there a cost for this service or activity

Yes

Please provide further details

Please contact the Kingston Eco-op Operations Manager to check availability and charges for attendance. We can discuss support needs and answer any queries regarding our service and the referral process and informal visits to the project can also be arranged.

Please contact us to request a referral form. Referrals will normally need to be completed by the involved care professional and funding for a place needs to be agreed before the person can start attending their chosen activities.

Age range

Age of users

From 18 years to 99 years

Location Map