

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

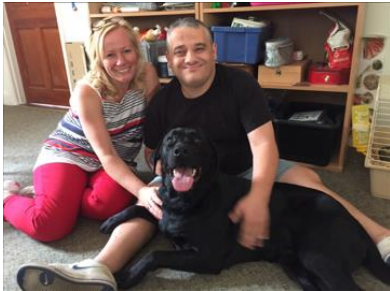
The allotment stall was extremely popular at Funday this year with so many plants and flowers that had been cultivated in the allotment being sold, helping to raise more funds to put towards equipment needed to work the allotment, and also to purchase a new camera so we can record the achievements of the students. Staff member Troy is extremely knowledgeable about all of the plants in the allotment and is a fantastic horticulturalist, Alongside Troy we have Ryan, Cai, and Michele and they are always focused on inclusive communication and person centred approaches whilst working with the students in Growing for Life, and because of this the group is flourishing. They all have a fantastic rapport with all of the students and all work extremely hard as part of the team to ensure the students are not only enjoying their time but are progressing and learning as many new skills as possible. Most of the students are now quite proficient at using the ride on mower and a dab hand with the spray hose pipe.



FELIX THE GUIDE DOG (IN TRAINING)

This month we had a visit from Mrs Watts who brought along Felix. Felix is being

trained by Mrs Watts to be a guide dog so it is good for him to experience different situations and to also understand when he is working and when he is not. Matthew Callaghan loves it when Felix comes to visit and will spend as long as possible talking and playing with Felix. The process of training a dog to be a guide dog is an extremely interesting one and provides a valuable service to so many people.



This is a lovely picture of me and Matthew enjoying the company of Felix, just before he had a massive bowl of water!!

TRAINING

As most of you are aware we are closed on Thursday 29th September for staff training, and it is definitely going to be a busy day. First thing in the morning we have training in the use of oxygen equipment which is vital to support some of our clients. Then at 10.00am we have Rachel Philbert coming in for inclusive communication training. After a small break which will hopefully include a bit of team building a number of the staff will be doing their Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults training, and the rest of the team will be learning about progressing with session planning and looking at improving how we detail aims and objectives for individuals!! It's going to be a very valuable, interesting and busy day.

Keeping up to date with any changes is extremely important at Essex Care Consortium and Access Day Resource to ensure we provide the best quality service. Most of our staff will also be attending refresher Physical Intervention training coming up on October 13th as part of the mandatory requirements. If you would like to find out more about the training provided for the staff at Access Day Resource and Essex Care Consortium please feel free to contact me

for a chat.

We would like to wish Emily Campbell – one of our Activity Support Workers all the best in her new role as a member of the staff team at the Conifers. Emily will remain working in Access one day per week, so we will not actually be saying goodbye, just sharing her!

Don't forget coming up on the 30th September we are having a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan starting at 9.30am with last orders for coffee and cake at 11.30am. Please feel free to pop in for a cake and a cuppa, alternatively if you are pushed for time you can pop in and purchase a cake for later. We also have a competition to guess how many spots are on the cake. If you would like to have a go the cost is £2 and if you are the closest to the correct amount you would win half of the takings, with the other half being donated to Macmillan.



Just a little reminder – if you know that someone has an allergy who attends Access

could you please advise us so if there is any chance of an issue we will be able to deal with it swiftly, in a caring professional manner.



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