

FURNITURE MATTERS

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YPS Prep 4 Work Courses

Target Audience: 16 to 18 year olds classed as NEET who are really looking to get into employment, earn money and want some work qualifications and work experience in a supported real work environment. **MUST BE NEET**

Area: Lancaster District

Course Information: 4 courses a year, each course 2 full days a week for 10 weeks, participants will have to sign up for the whole course and start from the first week to achieve the qualifications

Course Dates:

Week commencing:

Course 1	23/5/11 to 29/7/11
Course 2	1/8/11 to 7/10/11
Course 3	10/10/11 to 16/12/11
Course 4	23/1/12 to 30/3/12

Young People will get:

- Work experience and an accredited qualification
- Work experience areas include - white goods repair (washers / cookers etc), PC build (home computers and software), Pedal Power -cycle maintenance and repair, retail, call centre / office and warehouse (the latter is only suitable for people aged 18 at the start of the course).
- £2.50 per day to spend on lunch (receipts required)
- Out of pocket travel expenses
- An up to date C.V. and interview skills

Run By: Furniture Matters

How young people join: Please complete the application form with the young person as fully as possible and then email the form to:

enquiries@furniturematters.org.uk

This is a secure email box opened only by Julie Armer who is running the Prep 4 Work Course for Furniture Matters. If you cannot send a completed form then please email name and contact details (house phone, mobile and email would be great) for the young person and Furniture Matters will contact them directly.

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Furniture Matters was set up in 1999 and we are a registered charity. In a nutshell we collect unwanted items of furniture such as sofas, tables and drawers; white goods such as cookers and washers; bicycles, computers and office equipment – we then repair and test the items and sell them back on to local peoples.

We have three aims:

1 To sell items at low cost to local people in need. We do this through our Showroom which is on Alice Street in Morecambe and this is where people come who are trying to set up home or who cannot afford to buy brand new items. The idea of the Showroom is to sell items as cheap as possible. The two shops you may have seen have a very different role and they need to make as much money as possible in order to make money for the charity and keep the prices in the showroom low.

2 To offer volunteering and training places, helping some of these people in to employment. We have an excellent success rate in helping people into jobs and this is where this course we offering through funded by the Young Peoples Service fits in.

3 Saving items from landfill Last year alone we saved over 1,600 tonnes of household goods from ending up in landfill.

Furniture Matters has seven premises, six in Lancaster and one in Blackpool. We currently employ 51 people and have over 60 volunteers and placement workers who work with us every week.

So this programme we are offering –

We have over the past 18 months employed 15 young people aged 18 to 25 within our Company. These people are all employed at a salary above minimum wage. Seeing lots of C.V.'s and interviewing lots of young people the thing that stood out for us at Furniture Matters was when the C.V.'s came in there was a lack of real work experience on them, most had no work training listed at all and the lack of accredited work based qualifications. The young people coming for interview for the jobs were not “work ready” and most had little interview experience and did not understand what a real interview would entail. In a recession with many people out of work the competition

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for jobs is fierce and with no work experience or work qualifications then it is extremely difficult.

Prep 4 Work, the programme we are running, is a 10 Week Programme which includes real work experience within one of our premises and help with Job Search, C.V. writing, interview techniques and anything young people feel maybe a barrier to them getting a paid job. Young people will have to commit to 2 full days per week for the 10 week period.

People will not be paid but will receive a £2.50 per day lunch allowance, have their travel expenses on public transport or bicycle paid, be provided with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to use whilst on our sites, gain work experience, accredited as well as an excellent CV and support into employment.

Recruitment day for Course 1:

Wednesday 18th April – 11am to 12.30pm

Challenge morning and tour of Furniture Matters main premise for any young person interested in joining the course.

Pick ups at central sites in Lancaster and Morecambe

Further info on this day email Julie Armer at: enquiries@furniturematters.org.uk

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