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CHAPTER 13: EDUCATION AND WORK SCHEMES

Learning new skills and developing your knowledge and can be a rewarding experience, and can provide a route into further education or lead to more fulfilling employment opportunities.

In this chapter you will find details for several colleges and adult education centres around the borough and details of various supervised work schemes. Remember to check with your benefits advisor how a work scheme may affect your benefits entitlement.

College or a supported work placement can provide good opportunities to increase your skills, broaden your horizons and socialise with others.

Remember that many courses are free to people on benefits or low income.

Education and Training

BEC Education Centre

Address1: 1st floor, Rotherhithe Library

Address2: Albion Street

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE16 7BS

Phone: 0207 394 6836

Description: Adult education centre offering classes in English, Maths and computer studies. Phone for details.

Additional Info: Note to disabled users: Currently have problems with lift to first floor, but that should be fixed by the time this is published. Phone to check details.

Opening Hours: Classes at various times, phone for details.

Travel: Buses: 47, 188, 225, 381, P13

Referral: Open access

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Blackfriars Settlement

Address1: 1/5 Rushworth Street
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE1 0RB

Phone: 0207 928 9521
Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 620 1409
Email: info@blackfriarssw.cix.co.uk

Description: Education and training courses for all ages, including basic literacy and numeracy training, IT workshop, English as a second language etc. Phone for further details.

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm. Phone for details.

Travel: BR: Waterloo / Tube: Southwark / Buses: 45, 63, 100

Referral: Open access

CareConnect Learning Ltd

Address1: Town Hall Annex Building
Address2: 81 Rivington Street
Town/City: London
Postcode: EC2A 3AY

Phone: 0207 613 0999
Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 729 8706
Email: info@careconnectlearn.co.uk
Website: <http://www.careconnectlearn.co.uk>

Description: CareConnect Learning is a government funded training provider, offering LearnDirect courses to staff in the Health and Social Care sectors. Work in partnership with SME's, large care organisations, NHS Trusts and Social Services to offer IT and numeracy/literacy training, and Care, Business and Management courses. Also offer national tests in adult literacy and numeracy, NVQs in IAG and assessor/verifier awards. Phone for further details.

Special Interest Activities: Mon-Thurs Classes available at offices, phone for details. Also have Learning Centres in Heathfield, Brighton and Newcastle.

Opening Hours: Phone during office hours

Travel: Tube: Old Street / Buses: 26, 48, 55, 67, 149, 242, 243

Referral: Self or through partner organisation Unison

Choices at Southwark College

Address1: Keetons Road
Address2: Bermondsey
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE16 4EE

Phone: 0207 815 1544
Other Numbers: General Office: 0207 815 1526 Fax: 0207 815 1525
Email: johnh@southwark.ac.uk
Website: <http://www.southwark.ac.uk>

Description: Choices run a variety of courses designed to introduce mental health users to further education. Courses are held at the college and at local hospitals/day centres etc.

Special Interest Activities: Current courses include Photography, Video, Arts, Sciences, Basic Educational Skills and IT. Courses run from September to July, students can join at any time subject to availability.

Additional Info: Classes: Tues, Wed, Thurs 11:30am-3:30pm

Opening Hours: Phone: Mon-Fri 10am-3pm

Travel: Tube: Bermondsey / Buses: 1, 47, 188, 199, P11, P13

Referral: Self or any other source

Criteria/Catchment: People who have a mental health problem

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

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GATES Project

Address1: 8 Belmont Hill

Address2: Lewisham

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE13 5BD

Phone: 0208 852 2999

Other Numbers: Fax: 0208 852 2910

Email: info@gatessupport.org

Website: <http://www.gatessupport.org>

Description: Gates stands for Guidance, Advice, Training and Employment Support, which neatly sums up the range of services this project offers. Activities include basic literacy and numeracy training, computer training, vocational guidance, work preparation program etc. Phone for details.

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-4:30pm

Travel: BR/DLR and Bus: Lewisham

Referral: Self-referrals accepted for advice and guidance on careers/courses, including IT classes and Basic Skills courses. For Work Preparation Programmes, referrals must be made by Disability Employment Advisors, Keyworker, GP or other professional.

Criteria/Catchment: For people with mental health problems.

Lambeth College

Address1: Clapham Centre
Address2: 45 Clapham Common South Side
Town/City: London
Postcode: SW4

Phone: 0207 501 5000
Email: courses@lambethcollege.ac.uk
Website: <http://www.lambethcollege.ac.uk>

Description: Lambeth College offers a wide range of general and vocational courses that anybody can join and a Return to Learning programme for mental health users which offers courses in basic literacy and numeracy training, Creative Writing, Computers, Yoga, Relaxation, Arts and Crafts, Keep Fit and exercise classes etc. Phone to get a prospectus.

Special Interest Activities: Return to Learning courses are specifically designed for people with or recovering from a mental health problem.

Additional Info: Return to Learning courses are free, other courses have concessionary rates for people on low income/benefits

Opening Hours: Courses run at various times. Phone for a prospectus.

Travel: Tube and Bus: Clapham Common

Morley College

Address1: 61 Westminster Bridge Rd

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE1 7HT

Phone: 0207 928 8501

Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 928 4074

Email: enquiries@morleycollege.ac.uk

Website: <http://www.morleycollege.ac.uk>

Description: This college has many courses across the board but is best known for its humanities and arts courses including dance and music. Exercise classes can also be accessed as can general health education classes. Phone for further details.

Special Interest Activities: Annual summer school for 3 weeks in July

Additional Info: Students who have a disability who may need additional support should contact the Learning Support Office on 0207 450 1846

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-7:45pm, Saturdays 9:30am-12:30pm, during holiday periods Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

Travel: BR: Elephant & Castle or Waterloo / Tube: Lambeth North / Buses: 12, 53, 171

Referral: Open access

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Pecan Ltd - Basic Skills courses

Address1: 72 Rye Lane

Address2: Peckham

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE15 5DQ

Phone: 0207 639 2699

Email: welcome@pecan.org.uk

Website: <http://www.pecan.org.uk>

Description: Basic Skills courses run at this location are: 1) English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) 2) Adult Literacy. All courses available either full or part time. Phone for further details.

Special Interest Activities: Basic Skills resource room available for students on the course, times vary, usually afternoons.

Additional Info: Sometimes there is a waiting list to get on courses. Postal address: 121A Peckham High St, London SE15 5SE

Opening Hours: Open 9am-5pm

Travel: BR: Peckham Rye / Buses: 12, 36, 63, 67, 171, 343, 345, 436

Referral: Self or via JobCentre Plus

Pecan Ltd - Brandon Project

Address1: 71-73 County Street
Address2: Elephant and Castle
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE1 4AD

Phone: 0207 940 8245
Other Numbers: 0207 940 8250
Email: welcome@pecan.org.uk
Website: <http://www.pecan.org.uk>

Description: The Brandon Project is an Employment Preparation course for mental health users who are interested in getting back to work. The course is free and runs over 5 weeks from Mon-Fri from 10am-12 noon. Once a client has attended the course for ten days they can access computers and phones in the resource room in the afternoons to assist with their job search. The resource room and the assistance of the Brandon advisors are available to the client for up to 2 years after completing the course. The courses have about 10 students and training includes CV and letter writing, application forms, skills analysis and interview technique etc. The Brandon EPC runs every six weeks. Opportunities to move on to other Pecan courses on completion. Phone for further details.

Special Interest Activities: Resource room available in afternoons for students who have completed 10 days of the course. Post-course support for up to 2 years.

Additional Info: Sometimes there is a waiting list to get on courses. Postal address: 121A Peckham High St, London SE15 5SE

Opening Hours: Open 9am-5pm

Travel: BR and Tube: Elephant and Castle / Buses: 1, 12, 35, 45, 53, 63, 68, 133, 148, 168, 171, 172, 188,

Referral: For Brandon EPC referrals from CMHT's, CPN's, Social Workers, other M/H professionals etc

Criteria/Catchment: Good concentration, ability to work in groups, good time-keeping, courtesy to others, no violence when people become upset/angry

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Pecan Ltd - Employment Preparation Course

Address1: 71-73 County Street
Address2: Elephant and Castle
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE1 4AD

Phone: 0207 940 8245
Other Numbers: 0207 940 8250
Email: welcome@pecan.org.uk
Website: <http://www.pecan.org.uk>

Description: The Employment Preparation course is a 20 day course for unemployed people covering job search and motivational skills. One to one guidance available for clients who need extra support.

Special Interest Activities: Resource room available for people on the course.

Additional Info: Sometimes there is a waiting list to get on courses. Postal address: 121A Peckham High St, London SE15 5SE

Opening Hours: Open 9am-5pm

Travel: BR and Tube: Elephant and Castle / Buses: 1, 12, 35, 45, 53, 63, 68, 133, 148, 168, 171, 172, 188, 333, 468, C10

Referral: Open access

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

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Pecan Ltd - Gateway Access Programme

Address1: 71-73 County Street

Address2: Elephant and Castle

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE1 4AD

Phone: 0207 940 8245

Other Numbers: 0207 940 8250

Email: welcome@pecan.org.uk

Website: <http://www.pecan.org.uk>

Description: The Gateway Access Programme is a one week assessment course for 18-24 year olds on their first week of the New Deal. Phone for details..

Additional Info: Sometimes there is a waiting list to get on courses. Postal address: 121A Peckham High St, London SE15 5SE

Opening Hours: Open 9am-5pm

Travel: BR and Tube: Elephant and Castle / Buses: 1, 12, 35, 45, 53, 63, 68, 133, 148, 168, 171, 172, 188,

Referral: via JobCentre Plus advisors only

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Pecan Ltd - IT Skills courses

Address1: 1-3 Atwell Road

Address2: Peckham

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE15 4TW

Phone: 0207 740 9200

Email: welcome@pecan.org.uk

Website: <http://www.pecan.org.uk>

Description: Various IT Skills courses available, including: 1) LOCN - for people needing elementary IT training 2) New CLAIT - for people needing basic IT training 3) CLAIT Plus - for people wanting advanced IT training. Also courses for deaf people, aged 50 plus and Refugees and Asylum seekers. All courses available either full or part time. Phone for details.

Special Interest Activities: Drop-in centre available for students on the course, times dependant on course times, usually afternoons.

Additional Info: Sometimes there is a waiting list to get on courses. Postal address: 121A Peckham High St, London SE15 5SE

Opening Hours: Open 9am-5pm

Travel: BR: Peckham Rye / Buses: 12, 36, 63, 67, 171, 343, 345, 436

Referral: Open access

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Pecan Ltd - VSO/ETF courses

Address1: 72 Rye Lane

Address2: Peckham

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE15 5DQ

Phone: 0207 639 2699

Email: welcome@pecan.org.uk

Website: <http://www.pecan.org.uk>

Description: Courses run by this project are: 1) Voluntary Sector Option and 2) Environmental Task Force. These courses provide 13 week work experience placements in business, charities and environmental organisations.

Additional Info: Sometimes there is a waiting list to get on courses. Postal address: 121A Peckham High St, London SE15 5SE

Opening Hours: Open 9am-5pm

Travel: BR: Peckham Rye / Buses: 12, 36, 63, 67, 171, 343, 345, 436

Referral: via JobCentre Plus only

Roots and Shoots

Address1: Walnut Tree Walk
Address2: Kennington Road
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE11

Phone: 0207 582 1800
Email: admin@rootsandshoots.org.uk
Website: <http://www.rootsandshoots.org.uk>

Description: One year youth training scheme for 16-19 year olds offering individually tailored supported educational programmes for a range of client groups. English and Maths, Science classes, vocational training, social skills workshops etc. Phone for further details.

Special Interest Activities: Beekeeping, Wildlife and Environmental workshops etc. Can provide help getting Educational Maintenance Grant.

Additional Info: Conference rooms for hire

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 10am-3pm

Travel: Tube: Lambeth North / Buses: 3, 159

Referral: Self or any other source

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

SETAA (Southwark Education and Training Advice for Adults)

Address1: The Learning Centre, Peckham Library

Address2: 122 Peckham Hill St

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE15 5JR

Phone: 0207 525 0240

Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 525 0241

Email: setaa_2000@yahoo.co.uk

Description: Free information and advice on education, training and employment opportunities for adults in Southwark. Run some computer skills workshops themselves, for other subjects can refer to relevant organisations. Phone for details.

Opening Hours: Mon, Wed 12-8pm, Tues 10am-8pm, Thurs, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-2pm

Travel: BR: Peckham Rye / Buses: 12, 36, 37, 63, 136, 171, 177, 381, 343, P12, P13

Referral: Self or any other source

Criteria/Catchment: Southwark residents aged 19 plus

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

SHARE Community

Address1: 64 Altenburg Gardens

Address2: Wandsworth

Town/City: London

Postcode: SW11 1JL

Phone: 0207 924 2949

Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 350 1625

Email: sharecommunity@talk21.com

Website: <http://www.sharecommunity.org.uk>

Description: Training and education for people with a disability of any kind whether physical, mental health, learning difficulties, or any health-related barrier to employment. Training in Information Technology, Business Administration, Horticulture and Catering. Basic Skills and Life Skills workshops. Trainees can gain recognised qualification eg NVQ, CLAIT, LOCN etc. Free lunch, quarterly newsletter. Phone for details.

Special Interest Activities: Yoga, Creative Writing, Healthy Living, Horticulture, Job Club, day trips etc

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm

Travel: BR: Clapham Junction / Tube: Clapham Common / Buses: 45, 77A, 115

Referral: via Social Services, Health services, Employment services, Job-Centres etc. Self-referrals accepted from unemployed people.

Criteria/Catchment: Any unemployed person living in London

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

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SLaM Trust - SUITE Office (Service Users in Training and Education)

Address1: SUITE office, Southwark Training Centre

Address2: Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE5 8AZ

Phone: 0207 919 3195

Other Numbers: 0207 919 3349

Description: Part of the SLaM Trust, this office works with mental health users/survivors who are interested in training Mental Health staff. Advice and support, courses on How to Train the Trainers, access to supported work schemes, advice on working while on benefits etc. This is a user-led and user-run project, phone and leave a message and one of the co-ordinators will phone you back.

Special Interest Activities: 1) User-only meetings every two months 2) Accredited training courses for SLaM users/survivors who want to get involved in MH training 3) Supported Work scheme for users/survivors who become involved in training and educational activities within SLaM

Additional Info: Run by service users. Interested users/professionals can phone for more information and get on the mailing list

Opening Hours: Leave message and staff will phone you back

Travel: BR: Denmark Hill / Buses: 40, 68, 176, 185, 486

Referral: Self-referrals accepted

Criteria/Catchment: For users who want to get involved in Mental Health training and interested professionals

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Work Schemes

Remember to check with your benefits advisor how a work scheme may affect your benefits entitlement.

Blackfriars Settlement Work Centre

Address1: 1/5 Rushworth Street

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE1 3AR

Phone: 0207 928 9521

Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 620 1409

Email: facilities@blackfriars-settlement.org.uk

Website: <http://www.blackfriars-settlement.org.uk>

Description: Work related skills development for users of mental health services. Main areas: Woodwork, Admin and IT, Arts and soft Crafts, social activities, annual holiday etc. Also work experience, volunteering opportunities and support into education. Phone for details.

Special Interest Activities: Monthly Women's group, vocational training etc

Additional Info: Monthly Visitors Morning for people interested in attending.

Opening Hours: Office: Mon-Fri 9:30am-4:30pm, sessions at various times

Travel: BR: Waterloo / Tube: Southwark / Buses: 45, 63, 100

Referral: Self or any other source

Criteria/Catchment: Aged 18-60, be on or eligible for CPA and able to travel independently. Mainly for Lambeth and Southwark but places available to all boroughs.

Women Only sessions/services

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Camberwell Rehabilitation Association

Address1: 15A Oglander Road

Address2: Peckham

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE15 4EQ

Phone: 0207 635 8201

Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 277 5667

Email: cra@btconnect.com

Description: Small manufacturing company providing work schemes for mental health users. Provide employment preparation and supported work paid according to the Permitted Work rules imposed by the Benefits Agency. Opportunities for paid employment within CRA and its subsidiary company Gold Seal Electronics Ltd. Subsidised meals, welfare support/benefits advice. Phone for further details.

Special Interest Activities: Work is mainly electronics and some light engineering assembly work, soldering, machine operating/setting, testing, packing, storekeeping, and labouring.

Additional Info: Policies in place to ensure workers are fully aware of their rights. Provides the opportunity to return to/experience work in a demanding commercial environment whilst receiving support.

Opening Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30am-5pm, Fri 8:30am-1:15pm

Travel: BR: Peckham Rye or East Dulwich / Buses: 12, 37, 40, 63, 78, 176, 185, 312, 484, 343, P12, P13

Referral: Community Opportunities referral form or CRA application form followed by assessment interview and visit. Referrals should be supported by professional agencies.

Criteria/Catchment: Aged 18-60 years old, must attend for a minimum of four weekly sessions. SLaM funded places available for referrals from South Southwark CMHTs, funding required from Social Services for referrals from the north part of the borough.

Portugal Prints

Address1: The Parish House

Address2: Portugal Street

Town/City: London

Postcode: WC2A 2HB

Phone: 0207 404 4267

Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 831 4744

Email: pp@westminstermind.org.uk

Website: <http://www.westminstermind.org.uk>

Description: Supported work scheme providing individual work programmes for people with severe mental health problems. Programmes are for 3 years and include keyworking, updating skillsets and vocational assessments etc. All users must attend 2 sessions per week 10am-4pm. Also do rehabilitation and resettlement work. Phone for details.

Special Interest Activities: Printing, Arts, Graphic Design, Computer workshops etc

Additional Info: After first contact will be invited for initial visit, then 3 week trial period before confirming placement.

Opening Hours: Staff on site 9am-5pm

Travel: Tube: Holborn / Buses: Any bus to Aldwych or Holborn stations

Referral: Telephone referrals system. Self-referrals accepted, but funding must be routed through a mental health professional.

Criteria/Catchment: Westminster, Southwark, Camden, Tower Hamlets

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Remploy Interwork Head Office

Address1: Britannia Road
Town/City: Banbury
Postcode: OX16 5DP

Phone: 0845 601 5878
Email: interwork.osc@remploy.co.uk
Website: <http://www.remploy.co.uk>

Description: Provides supported employment for people with mental health problems and learning disabilities. Phone for details of local projects.

Opening Hours: Phone during office hours

Travel: BR: Banbury, Oxfordshire

Referral: via Disability Employment Advisor at Job Centres

Criteria/Catchment: Must be referred by Disability Employment Advisor

Southside Rehabilitation Association - Camberwell

Address1: 5 Artichoke Mews
Address2: Artichoke Place
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE5 8RJ

Phone: 0207 252 6729
Other Numbers: Fax: same as phone
Email: pspellmon@btconnect.com
Website: <http://www.sra-ltd.co.uk>

Description: Employment training for people aged 16-65 with a mental health problem. At Camberwell they do light industrial assembly work in their own workshop and also run a cleaning and laundry service. Therapeutic earnings paid within limits imposed by DSS.

Special Interest Activities: Users are encouraged to take control of and manage their own lives

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Travel: BR: Denmark Hill / Buses: 12, 35, 36, 45, 68, 171, 468

Referral: Self or any other source

Criteria/Catchment: Want to work

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Southside Rehabilitation Association - Knights Hill

Address1: 45 Knights Hill
Address2: West Norwood
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE27 0HS

Phone: 0208 766 6688
Other Numbers: Fax: 0208 670 4926
Email: office@sra-ltd.co.uk
Website: http://www.sra-ltd.co.uk

Description: Employment training for people aged 16-65 with a mental health problem. At Knights Hill there is a small catering business, a printing service, a copyshop and a variety of secretarial services. Therapeutic earnings paid within limits imposed by DSS.

Special Interest Activities: Users are encouraged to take control of and manage their own lives

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Travel: BR: West Norwood / Buses: 2, 68, 196, 315

Referral: Self or any other source

Criteria/Catchment: Want to work

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Status Employment

Address1: 6 West Way Gardens
Town/City: Shirley
Postcode: CR0 8RA

Phone: 0208 655 3344
Other Numbers: Fax: 0208 656 6600
Email: info@statusemployment.org.uk

Description: Provide support to people with any sort of disability (physical, learning, sensory, mental health) to help find and retain employment.

Opening Hours: Phone during office hours

Travel: BR: Addiscombe

Referral: Self or any other source

Criteria/Catchment: Mainly for people from Croydon area

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