



Innovation Teaching School



Using social and therapeutic horticulture in mainstream and special schools to support pupils with SEND



'Using Social and therapeutic horticulture in mainstream and special schools to support pupils with SEND' is a two-day course that provides information, skills and practical techniques that will allow you to create and develop school horticulture activities and create year-round programmes that meet individual and collective pupils' needs.

This course is presented jointly by The Innovation Teaching School and THRIVE for teachers, teaching assistants and special needs assistants who work with pupils across all age groups in both mainstream schools units and SEND special school settings.

“ I attended your course last Monday and Tuesday and just wanted to thank you and Becky for an amazing two days. I think this is a wonderful idea and am currently putting together a wish list to get things moving. I am in the process of making a handbook for each class to share this knowledge and a central location for resources.

Thank you again for the inspiration I needed. ”

Amanda Hunting
Learning Assistant

6th – 7th March 2017

Venue: The Ridgeway Community School,
14 Frensham Road, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8HB

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Gardening was added to the National Curriculum in September 2014. There has never been a better time to consider horticulture as a valuable addition to the school timetable.

Are you prepared to ‘cultivate plants for practical purposes’ as a key addition to the curriculum?



This course is suitable for:

Teachers, teaching assistants and special needs assistants who work with pupils across all age groups in both mainstream schools units and SEND school settings.



Early application is advised.

There are only 24 places available and a high level of interest is anticipated – bookings will be taken on a “first come, first served” basis.



“Hi, thank you so much for your inspiring course, I was so enthused I immediately took some of your ideas back to our school leadership team.”

What you will learn:

- To understand the theory of using social and therapeutic horticulture with special education needs and different themes of practice
- To apply and link the practices of social and therapeutic horticulture to the National Curriculum
- To understand and apply the principles and practice of social and therapeutic horticulture within the school setting to create schemes of work and session plans
- To explore the use of assessment in social and therapeutic horticulture within school settings.

Cost:

£270.00 – (£135.00 per day)

Times:

- Registration and coffee 9.30am
- 10am start – 4pm finish

Included in fee:

- All course materials
- Course hand-outs
- A light lunch and refreshments



This course can be used towards THRIVE'S AWARD in Social and Therapeutic Horticulture.

Typical Course Outline

(This is a general description of areas covered but course content may change due to weather, attendees requirements etc)

DAY 1	DAY 2
<p>09.30 Arrive, registration and coffee</p> <p>10.00 Welcome, introductions, expectations, aims and outline for the day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benefits of horticulture for children with special needs• Understanding horticultural activities (application) Practical activity (1)• Using horticulture to meet the needs of children (approach) and links to the curriculum <p>12.30 Lunch</p> <p>13.30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tour of School horticulture area• Understanding horticultural activities (application) Practical activity (2)• Practical and creative ideas in the garden <p>16.00 Open discussion and depart</p>	<p>09.30 Arrivals and coffee</p> <p>10.00 Outline for the day and re-cap from first day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benefits of horticulture for children with special needs• Understanding horticultural activities (application) Practical activity (3)• Using horticulture to meet the needs of children (approach) and links to the curriculum <p>12.30 Lunch</p> <p>13.30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Differentiation in horticulture (application)• Assessment in STH• Questions and answers <p>16.00 Evaluation and depart</p>

Course Presenter



The course will be presented by Martin Billett.

Martin holds a higher education qualification in STH and is subject lead, for horticulture at The Ridgeway Community School. He has an autistic son aged 26 years and leads the horticulture programme for Farnham's charity Post – 19 Group, who received The Chairman's Trophy in South East In Bloom 2013 for social inclusion. He is currently Chair, Community Enhancement Group for Farnham's entry into Britain In Bloom. In July 2015 Martin was a finalist in the RHS Schools Gardening Champion of the year.

Thrive is the UK's leading charity using horticulture to benefit people touched by disability. Since its foundation in 1978 it has championed the benefits of gardening, run therapeutic programmes across the UK. Thrive carry out pioneering research and offer specialised professional training and education in social and therapeutic horticulture.

For multiple bookings please duplicate this form – one booking per form.

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Section 1 - YOUR DETAILS

Name	Job Title
School	
Address	
	Postcode
Telephone	Email

Section 2 - YOUR AIMS

What do you hope to gain from this course?
What existing level of experience do you have?
Do you have mobility problems, special learning needs or require any information in an accessible format? (e.g. large print, Braille, loop system)

Section 3 - LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS

If you have any dietary requirements please indicate here:
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Section 4 - FEE

2 day course - £270.00	Total amount due	£
I enclose a cheque (made payable to The Ridgeway Community School) <i>(For multiple bookings please send one cheque for all attendees together with individual booking forms - apologies but we can only accept payment by cheque).</i>		
If you wish to be invoiced please provide us with the following information when booking:		
Invoice amount: £	Your purchase order number if applicable:	
Address to send invoice to:		
Postcode		

Terms and Conditions

Bookings will be accepted on receipt of a completed booking form and will be on a first come, first served basis. Registration and travel details will be sent 10 days prior to the course, for booking confirmation before this time please provide a stamped addressed envelope. Should a course delegate be unable to attend due to circumstances beyond our control we will not be able to make a refund. If a booking is cancelled within 7 working days before the course date and a substitute delegate is not found, the course fee will be non-refundable. If no payment has been made, we will invoice the full fee.

**When completed, please return this Booking Form together with your remittance to:
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