Future Wolverton













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Work-Related Learning Experiences

in Wolverton, Milton Keynes

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What makes us different



Who we support

- We offer work-related learning to people, 16 years and over, who have the potential to move-on in their lives, and might be feeling a bit “stuck”.
- We are not interested in whether someone has lots of qualifications or none, lots of work experience or none. We help people find out about their skills and talents, and focus on what they can do, rather than what they can’t do.
- We work with people who may not have easily fitted into mainstream education, college or employment, or those who may need the opportunity to experience an alternative way of learning. This may be because they have Autism, ADHD or a specific learning difficulty, or because they have had a difficult start in life or family circumstances. We are here for anyone who feels they are a bit different.

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How we support people

- We offer a supportive environment to gain work experience and skills, and can act as a stepping stone back to education, into paid employment or into voluntary work.
- Our staff team are people with extensive life and work experience who offer one to one mentoring and skills development. Whilst some of the team have a background in teaching, we do not do any classroom-based instruction, but rather support our trainees to learn by doing.
- We can personalise the programme of work-related learning in some ways, by offering flexibility with the day of the week and times of work, and allowing people to choose which area of our business they would like to specialise in.

From September 2026 we will host all of our work related learning placements at Market Hall, a new building with a focus on creativity and performance, whilst still working with the community and developing young people with SEN and giving adults a chance to gain real life work experiences.

What we do

- Our site is open to the general public, and the training we offer happens within our real-life business. We find our trainees rise to the challenge of being in a public-facing role.
- The jobs and tasks that our trainees carry out are essential to the day-to-day operation of our business.
- We are a community-run business and our trainees contribute to the community by supporting our work. We want our trainees to feel part of what we do, and feel they have given back to the local area.







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Our trainees work alongside our skilled staff team, and are supported to actively contribute to the success of our businesses. They develop employability skills and past trainees have gained work-related qualifications in First Aid and Food Hygiene.

64% of the young people we have worked with since 2021 have gone onto secure paid employment, have returned to education or have found sustainable (6 month or longer) voluntary work with many achieving qualifications and certificates to support future employment.

Our Offer



We are keen to work with you to offer work related learning opportunities to people who are struggling to secure paid work due to disability, mental health problems or a diagnosis of autism or ADHD.

The opportunities we can offer seek to develop skills including:

- **Confidence Building** – we have an asset-based approach which focuses on strengths and what the young person can do, at the same time as providing them with the skills to help themselves, increasing their chances of gaining and maintaining future employment, as well as helping them prepare for adult life.
- **Employability skills** – we use the STEPS framework – Self management, Team Working, Enterprise Awareness, Problem Solving and Speaking & Listening - to help develop employability skills.
- **Soft Skills** – communication, adaptability, time management, initiative and independence.
- **Hard Skills** – food preparation, a working knowledge of health and safety, using manual tools, use of a till and marketing.
- **Life Skills** – cooking, simple DIY, handling money, confidence in communicating and interacting with members of the public and local community.





*14+ year olds are covered under Future Wolverton Limited's employer liability insurance. Personal accident insurance is only available for young people over 16 years. Placements under 16 years should therefore be discussed further.

Work-Related Learning

from September ‘26 - July ‘27



Work-related learning sessions are available in all areas of Future Wolverton operations from September 2026, with a minimum booking of September 2026 to July 2027. Session days, times and work areas will remain fixed throughout the whole period. Examples of half day sessions are: 9am to 12 noon or 12:30pm to 15:30pm.

You are welcome to book as many sessions/ week, and utilise them as you wish. We do however request that if you are intending upon allocating a session to a number of different people during the year, that each person attends for a minimum block of 6 weeks. We have found that this is the minimum number of sessions for a someone to gain value from the experience, to start using skills they have learnt and contribute back to the Future Wolverton community.

If you chose to allocate a session to the same person for the whole period, then we request that they have a pre-interview with our Programme Manager before beginning the placement so we can make sure it is going to work for everyone. For those who are with us for the full period (September to July), the structure will be as follows:

- September to December - initial familiarisations of expectations at work, settling in, building confidence, identifying strengths, getting to know the Future Wolverton team.
- January to March - introduction of more work-like rules and systems, development of skills, opportunity to get involved in other areas of the business operations as needed.
- April to July - an introduction to CV development and interview skills*. We would endeavour to do at least one visit to a local employer that it linked to the interest of the trainee.

Work areas available

- Café and Catering - This opportunity involves food preparation and Front of House both within our community cafe and for events, exhibits and performances.
- Artistic Management - with a focus on the planning and facilitation of a programme of performances, workshops, etc at Market Hall.
- Business Operations - with a focus on finance. (This opportunity does require a certain mathematical ability).
- Business Operations - with a focus on facilities management, site maintenance, health and safety and building development projects.
- Business Operations - with a focus on social media marketing.

Please contact us for 2026/27 prices.

*Additional one-to-one career development and job search sessions are available to facilitate this.

What our trainees think about Future Wolverton...

"I consider myself extremely lucky to have taken part in the Future Wolverton sessions, it was a great way for me to both get out of the house to expand my boundaries and build confidence in social situations... I was able gain useful transferable skills while still enjoying myself immensely."

"I think the project has helped me improve my confidence and practical skills and I have a better idea of what is out there (employment wise)."

"I understand my strengths more than I did at the beginning.."

"I have learnt not to treat my ASD as a bad thing and to think more positively about myself and that I can do things that neurotypical people do, just as well as them or better sometimes."

and a parent...

"I cannot thank Future Wolverton enough for the difference that it has made to my daughter and our whole family. Being part of the programme built my daughter's confidence and showed her how capable she is. The programme gradually built up the responsibilities that she took on and encouraged her in areas that she had previously shied away from."

and a MK City Council Employment Development Worker...

"The programmes at Future Wolverton have provided two of my clients with invaluable skills to ready them for the work environment. Both people have been told, "You can't do it" numerous times and had become despondent and disheartened. Future Wolverton provided them with a safe space, a nurturing environment, and the confidence they needed to use these new skills in a work environment."

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