PRESS RELEASE

**NEW INITATIVE TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITY IN BASINGSTOKE**

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The Café Project has appointed Anne Wright as Online Trading Tutor to start training groups of 5-6 students with learning disabilities in how to buy and sell items on portals such as ebay amazon, and play.com.

Anne commented “ I am delighted to be joining the team at the café project , It’s a really unique and innovative way of helping those less academic students develop their skills in a more practical way”.

The training will consist of three 3 hr sessions a week at the Cafe Project in Brighton Hill and will focus more on the practical skills on online retailing. It will cover sourcing products, describing products, researching and setting prices, along with packaging, despatch, and providing excellent customer services.

Ultimately students will learn how to run a small online business and this training will equip them with the vital commercial skills and experience to help them get into mainstream employment.

Christine Fisher, Trustee of the Café Project explained how excited she is to get the initiative up and running giving them the opportunity to support a wider range of people with learning disabilities.

The course will start next month and there are still a couple of student placements available. Please call Anne on 07816 787579 or download an application form from [www.thecafeproject.co.uk](http://www.thecafeproject.co.uk).

As the course will depend on having items for students to practice on, The Café Project is looking for individual and or corporate donations of unwanted DVD’s and Games Console Games such as XBOX , PLAYSTATION, GAMEBOY. If there was a larger organisation in the town that would support us with a staff initiative, it would be a huge help to get this initiative underway . Anyone interested should call Anne on 07816787579.

**NOTES FOR THE EDITOR**

The Café Project is a charity trust set up in 2010 to support learning disabled people within the town by providing supported training and employment opportunities, helping to improve their confidence and self esteem and enabling them to contribute to society.

Café Dome is the name of the community Café where, in conjunction with Basingstoke College of Technology, the students get their supported training in preparing food, cooking, cleaning, and customer service. Café Dome provides good value, good quality food snacks and meals, using fair trade, locally sourced, and free range ingredients