

The Blue Tangerine Federation SPECIALIST AND SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS SCHOOLS Promoting the Abilities in Disability



Introducing

Our Charities....



The Blue Tangerine Federation:

Our pupils are unique, fabulous and proud of their differences. In a mainstream world that expects conformity, the challenges our young people encounter can be extremely difficult to navigate, but possible with the right support.

As a federation of schools, we are ultimately focused on improving possibilities for our pupils by being better, together. By securing exceptionally skilled adults to lead relevant and purposeful curricula, teaching and support across our schools we continually strive to improve our provisions.



With great sadness, FHEC will be leaving The Blue Tangerine Federation, in Autumn 2022



'Promoting the Abilities in Disability'

Our Vision is a world where people with learning disabilities and mental health difficulties thrive.

Our Mission is to Promote the *Ab*ilities in Disability within our immediate, local and wider communities in order that our vision is realised.

Our values: We Look After Ourselves, We Look After Each Other, We Look After Our Learning, We Look After Our Environment



Our pupils are trained to industry standards in Barista Skills, Food and Hygiene and First Aid, leading to work experience with the public through our horsebox café. In part of our ferocious fundraising, we have relished the creation of new contacts in our community, who are keen to support our schools and are fully behind our determination to support young people with SEND into adult employment.

Our characterful and unique schools impress visitors and radically improve their understanding of special needs and disabilities; essential steps that can improve opportunities for our school leavers needing to thrive in our mainstream world.

Moving the dial on the future of opportunity for children with SEND

There are approximately 1,130,000 adults in the UK with a learning disability, 94% of whom are unemployed. Many of these adults may not be able to work as result of the severity of their cognitive disabilities, but it's not an encouraging picture for our school leavers.

In ensuring our young people have the best chance of a happy childhood leading to an impactful adulthood, our staff extoll the importance of self-belief needed to push through learning disability barriers to build resilience. Alongside the embedding of essential skills and knowledge, it is critical to expand our young people's horizons by exposing them to new learning, experiences and enable them to see themselves not just having a voice, but as full participants in our community, society and British culture. As school leaders, staff, pupils, governing body, charity trustees and community, we feel the responsibility and importance in 'moving the dial' and changing the landscape for young people with SEND.

Too long have SEND provisions unwittingly masked the future lack of employment opportunities. We have a responsibility and opportunity to change that dial for our young people by expanding learning to real work experiences on our school site.

Challenge



94% Adults with LD Unemployed

We need to be part of the solution to helping our school leavers see themselves in the workplace. SEND complex needs increasing

The SEND needs of our pupils are increasingly complex and require differing provisions. Traditional Work Experience

Traditional one-week work experience tends to fail our Year 11s who require longer routines to establish, apply and embed skills. St Luke's has land that is under-utilized and Collett has a vibrant local community. In working closer with our communities, we could increase SEND awareness by showcasing the abilities of our pupils in the work environment.

Opportunities

Future Impact

Ensuring learning remains relevant, but improves our pupils' future options for employability.

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Seizing Opportunities

We have land at St Luke's and a vibrant community around Collett. We have created a charity with a clear remit to produce, build and run relevant business enterprises on site to support the schools of the federation in their ambition for meaningful employability skills in preparation for adulthood.



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A Presence for Their Futures

Our farm and café development plans build on this essential need to support our youngsters into gainful employment at both The Collett School and St Luke's. We have years of expertise and success in learning outside the classroom with horticulture and animal care; developing confidence with communication, functional literacy and numeracy.

The venture is an extension of what we already do very well. Working in situ on our own land where children can access the real-world workplaces mean it is further embedded and integral to our curriculum and life improving teaching and learning. Practising and developing communication skills and functional literacy and numeracy in different contexts to the classroom helps with the acquisition of skills and knowledge.

Working with the public will enable our young people to secure a stronger understanding of social behaviours, cues and expectations.

Beautiful, atmospheric and desirable lifestyle buildings and experiences will highlight an association with special needs as high quality, whilst the promotion of the abilities of disabilities in our community will intentionally prompt further opportunities for children and adults with learning disabilities. Collaboration with local businesses, local leisure groups, schools and communities are integral to the success of this venture. We are part of our community and want, for the sake our children's futures, to have a positive, purposeful and meaningful presence here.



As of Summer 2022, we have two federation charities. They have different remits, but both charities support each of our schools.





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'The Blue Tangerine Charity' exists to enable young people with special educational needs to fully demonstrate their abilities and capacity in the mainstream workplace.



Friends of The Blue Tangerine Federation SPECIALIST AND SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS SCHOOLS Reg. Charity No. 1157000 The **'Friends of The Blue Tangerine Federation'** is a Parent-Teacher Association for each school within the Federation. It enables activities that promote the work of the schools, raise funds for resources in the classroom and in doing so, work with our communities to break down barriers for children with SEND The Collett School SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS Proudly Different



St Luke's School SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS Thrive in Life



Forest House Education Centre SPECIALIST MENTAL HEALTH PROVISION Passport to Opportunities







Sensory Resources Improvements

Improved Toilets

Sensory spaces

Sensory equipment





Buying Equipment and Resources











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