Wider World Project

Special Educational Needs Policy

# Policy Statement

The Wider World Project aims to provide a safe, caring and welcoming environment where young people and adults (age 16-35) can engage in positive activities.

The Project encourages a learning environment to promote important life skills and the opportunity to gain accreditation and personal achievement .

 Members will be given opportunities to take part in a diverse range of activities and projects that will promote learning and development and raise aspirations.

## **Special Educational Needs**

The definition of a person having *special educational needs* is ‘if they have a learning difficulty that calls for special educational provision to be made for them’.

A person has a learning difficulty if they:

* Have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of people the same age.
* Have a disability that prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for young people of the same age in schools within the area of the local education authority.

### Membership

The Wider World Project is a provision for young people with additional needs age 16-35 years living in County Durham. Our Clubs and Projects are predominantly for but not exclusive to young people with learning disabilities and we welcome all young people to attend.

### Parents/Carers

Parents/Carers are encouraged to liaise with staff to provide information and advice on their son/daughter to ensure their needs are supported within the clubs and projects.

### Members

All members will be encouraged to participate in the planning of activities and will be part of the decision-making processes.

### Staff Training

All staff will attend relevant training to support their role working with children and adults with special educational needs.