

# Cafe Connect...



## What is Cafe Connect?

- Cafe Connect is a Internet Cafe initiative that provides a stepping stone to individuals with Learning & Physical Disabilities, Mental Health or Head Injuries to enter private or public sector employment.
- The cafe opened to the public in April 2010 and in a very short time its presence within the community has increased in many positive ways.
- There are currently 15 project members who have been referred through Aberdeenshire Council's Robertson Road Resource Centre, Mental Health & Disability Employment Officers.

## Inspiration

Within Fraserburgh a need was identified for a locally integrated facility providing employment and personal development opportunities for adults with disabilities. A partnership was formed with Aberdeenshire Council and Fraserburgh Community Web (FCW) which led to the development of the Cafe Connect project.



## Achievements

- Good working partnership between Aberdeenshire Council and FCW.
- Opening to the Public
- 2009 Community Regeneration, Surf Award
- Project members building skills, confidence, teamwork & social skills
- Promoting independence
- Providing IT services to the community that are not readily available.



## Funding

- A Service Level Agreement with Aberdeenshire Council & Fraserburgh Community Web enables the continued work in the Cafe initiative as well as work towards the development of positive links within the community.
- Daily income from Cafe and IT Services is put back into the project.
- Grants from Aberdeenshire Councils Community Asset Fund and Banff & Buchan Arts Forum have enabled the project to invest in new equipment for a physical and online gallery space within the Cafe.



## The Future

- Increasing the support that the project can give other community groups and businesses.
- College courses and further skill development for the Project Members.
- Installation of a professional hanging system – individuals and groups will be able to show/sell their artwork in an affordable public space.
- An online gallery as part of [www.visitfraserburgh.com](http://www.visitfraserburgh.com)



*'due to my head injury I have difficulty remembering things- computers definitely help me out'*

*'I am learning new skills and looking forward to the future'*

*'I have learned a lot about computers and websites.'*

*'I enjoy the banter and we all help each other out'*

*'the project makes me feel positive about myself'*

*'I feel like a valued member of the project'*

PROJECT MEMBER COMMENTS



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