

Animal Assisted Activities towards Employability

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This project has been designed to support people aged 18 years and over towards employability by :-

- **providing a 3 week structured placement at Lylac Ridge Farm** to experience practical, hands-on work with a wide range of therapy animals
- **delivering land-based and animal-based vocational skills** such as stock fencing, hoof trimming and animal husbandry
- **promoting employability skills** such as team building, group and lone working, using initiative etc.,
- **delivering two accredited Agored Cymru units**
(Level 1 Animal Care and H&S in Small Animal Care)
- **offering further volunteering opportunities to develop skills in animal care**
- **signposting to our networking partners for further opportunities.**



FAQs

Where are you based? We're based in Risca, Caerphilly. We're 2 mins away by car (10 - 15 mins by foot) from Commercial Street ('Risca High Street').

How does it work? For 2 days a week, for 3 weeks (normally on a Monday and a Wednesday - except for public holidays) you'll be invited to Lylac Ridge Farm to gain experience in working with our therapy animals. Lylac Ridge is an Animal Assisted Activities (AAA) Centre which means all the animals on site help us deliver our educational training.

What animals do you have on site? We have reindeers, donkeys, alpacas, goats, pigs, rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, chickens, ducks, gerbils, hamsters, bearded dragons and a African snail called Sammi. They all need looking after and part of the placement involves learning how to approach, handle, clean and feed them all appropriately and safely.

What's the eligibility?

Must be over 18

Must be claiming one of the following:-

Universal Credit
Income Support
Job Seekers Allowance
Employability Support Allowance

...or considered **'Economically Inactive'** (working under 16 hours per week and not in full time education)

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