

**M**ilestones Trust has secured funding from South Gloucestershire Council to deliver a pilot Art Facilitator Pathway course.

We are partnering with the National Open College Network (NOCN) to offer this training programme, which will lead to an externally recognised qualification as an Art Facilitator.

We are looking for creative adults with learning disabilities in South Gloucestershire to help us create this course. We welcome everyone of different abilities and level of need, including those with limited or no verbal communication.

### **What is an Art Facilitator?**

An Art Facilitator:

- Plans and leads creative sessions
- Supports people to express themselves through art
- Acts as a guide or mentor rather than a traditional teacher
- Makes sessions inclusive and accessible

**Our goal is to make it accessible for any creative adult to facilitate art, regardless of their needs.**

**We believe anyone can become an Art Facilitator. Art is a positive way for everyone to communicate.**

**Applications close at the end of June 2026**

### **How can I get involved?**

Applications are now open to take part in co-producing the course.

**Scan this QR code to access an application form and sign up for this fantastic opportunity today!**



**Or come along to one of our open days for a chance to ask any questions, fill in an application and be creative!**

### **Open Days!**

Friday 5th June  
11:00-16:00

Wednesday 17th June  
13:00-18:00

Wednesday 24th June  
09:00-12:30 / 14:30-18:00

Eclipse Office Park  
High Street Staple Hill  
Bristol BS16 5EL

**MilestonesTrust**

**Art Facilitator**    
   **Pathway**

**Co-produce a training course for adults with learning disabilities in South Gloucestershire to become Art Facilitators!**



## Get involved in Co-Production

The funding covers an initial pilot project in which participants will receive coaching sessions to co-produce the modules of the course, meaning they will be involved in and credited for developing the content.

**Have you ever shared your creative skills with others?**

What helped you to do this?

What support did you need?

What would you have liked?

As part of the co-production group, you will:



Create guidance for planning sessions



Build confidence in leading and facilitation



Develop ideas for supporting and guiding others in creative activities



Explore what different people need to independently deliver an art session



Work together as a team and celebrate each others' skills



Consider different communication styles

## Course Details

We're inviting **up to 10 adults** to help co-produce this course.



Location: Page Community Hall, Page Road, Staple Hill, Bristol, BS16 4NE.

The sessions will take place **every other week over nine months** on the following dates:

|      |           |      |
|------|-----------|------|
| 2026 | July      | 8th  |
|      |           | 22nd |
|      | August    | 5th  |
|      |           | 19th |
|      | September | 2nd  |
|      |           | 16th |
|      |           | 30th |
|      | October   | 14th |
|      |           | 28th |
|      | November  | 11th |
|      |           | 25th |
|      | December  | 9th  |
| 2027 | January   | 6th  |
|      |           | 20th |
|      | February  | 3rd  |
|      |           | 17th |

You would need to be available to attend all the sessions.

**Together, we'll design a course that works for everyone**



## Why this matters?

Many training courses require Maths and English qualifications, which can be a barrier.

**This programme is different.**

Through the NOCN Endorsed Programme Framework, we are creating accessible pathways into recognised training and employment.

"This is a big step forward... offering people the chance to gain qualifications without needing high levels of Maths and English."

— Gemma May, Community Integration Lead

## Who can apply?

Due to funding requirements, this opportunity is open to adults aged 18 and over who:

- Have a learning disability, and
- Live in South Gloucestershire.

It is not just limited to people supported by Milestones Trust.

Please be advised that those involved will need to be happy to consent to being photographed and videoed and these may be used in the course materials.

