

Programmes Available:

Personalised Employability Programme (PEP) – a flexible and supportive programme for young people ready to engage with Centre based group learning, work towards functional skills qualifications, undertake formal work placements and sustain regular attendance. Funded via Manchester Adult Education Service.

Enhanced Employability Programme (EEP) – a flexible and supportive programme for young people ready to engage with Centre based group learning, work towards functional skills or other qualifications, undertake work placements or volunteering, with additional pastoral and Mental Health Practitioner support .

Make A Start (MAS) – community outreach for young people who have been disengaged from education and/or other mainstream services and who need 1-1 learning support to work towards short term goals, and achieve ambitions to progress into education or work. Mental Health Practitioner is available in person or virtually.

Step Towards Employment Progression (STEPs) – employability learning in partnership with Manchester Adult Education Service.

All MYL Learning programmes are for young people aged 16–24 with a current Education, Health and Care Plan. Admissions are subject to agreement from the relevant EHCP Team. For more information or to request a referral form please ring 0161 437 5923 or email post16@manchesteryounglives.org.uk

“The experience of students is overwhelmingly positive. In particular, this is expressed as different and better than their previous experiences in education and training because there is an understanding of their personal needs. The programme environment, relationships with staff and pace of learning are common success factors quoted by students.”

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in Wythenshawe, Ardwick
and Moss Side**

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Manchester Young Lives Learning Hubs are holistic; we understand that feeling safe, developing confidence and life skills is every bit as valuable as the Maths and English qualifications we enable young people to achieve. We deliver employability education programmes in **Wythenshawe, Ardwick** and **Moss Side** for young people aged 16-24 with Education Health Care Plans. Our qualified teachers, tutors and youth workers lead engaging learning in small groups, alongside opportunities for work placements and volunteering. Our flexible nurturing approach means young people succeed in achieving their ambitions.

“The programme has helped me in ways my previous college didn’t. The staff are really supportive and understand my needs. The staff make me happy and help me believe in myself, I feel like I can communicate with them. If I did not join the programme, I do not think I would have found somewhere to do my Functional Skills.”

Our Teams build trusting relationships with students, and create tailored learning programmes led by young people’s interests, strengths and goals. These alternative education pathways include **NCFE accredited qualifications** up to Level 2 in functional Maths and English, Employability, Health and Social Care, and Enterprise. These run alongside creative and vocational learning such as horticulture and cookery, trips and industry visits, sports and exercise and travel training, building life and social skills, independence and wellbeing.



“The support and help from the team is fantastic. They are so caring but firm and the guidance they have given to my daughter has been fantastic.”

“I feel at home at MYL, it makes me feel safe. Although it is an educational setting, we learn other things that will help with life. The staff are relatable and funny.”



“The placement has been amazing it’s helped me hone skills, and I’ve learned a lot... My available knowledge has increased in all aspects, e.g, using tools and skills for the trade. I’ve enjoyed working on projects with people and solving some problems as they pop up.”

Developing the skills and experience to gain and thrive in employment is central to the Learning Hubs. **Work experience placements** and volunteering roles enable learners to build their confidence and develop direct and transferable skills and experience that will help them to secure a job. The social interaction and pride in their contribution can also enhance wellbeing and hopes for the future. Young people can try out different careers and see what works for them, and build the vital experience and skills many employers are looking for.

For some young people, getting their mental health back on track is a vital first step towards adulthood and work. We have a full time **Mental Health Practitioner**, employed by Mind, based in our Learning Hubs. They support young people to understand themselves and find ways that work for them to improve their mental and emotional well being. We have **fantastic outside space** at all of Centres, with opportunities for gardening and taking time out on a swing. We have a **Gym** and **Sensory Room** to support students in Ardwick, enabling exercise and space to feel calm and ready to learn. In Moss Side we have a ‘Home’ Room for learning life skills and a large **kitchen** in Wythenshawe for the much loved food tech sessions.

“I like the programme because I enjoy doing the travel training and the food tech sessions. I like how the tutors help you instead of letting you sit there not knowing what you’re doing. Since I have been on the programme my maths and english has progressed – I am now working at level one.”

