



Icknield Charitable Trust seeks more Trustees

The Icknield Trust, which was formed to provide a Further Education Centre for young people with learning difficulties and/or physical disabilities from Icknield School in Andover, would like to hear from volunteers who would consider becoming a Trustee.

Young people from Icknield School, aged 16 to 19, can learn new skills as they grow older at the Further Education Centre on Vigo Road in Andover. They help to cook meals in the large kitchen and learn new IT skills in the computer room, as well as continue their usual studies.

David Smith, Chair of Trustees says: "We are extremely proud of the Further Education Centre and the amazing learning experiences and support the staff offer to so many young people. The Icknield Trust was set up in 1993 and we have a small team of Trustees. We're now looking for new people to join us to bring additional skills, ideas and enthusiasm and help us ensure we continue to provide the best possible facilities for young people with complex additional needs."

The number of students using the FE Centre has continued to grow and the Icknield Trust has recently completed a conversion of the loft space after many years of fundraising.

Sean Cannon, Headteacher at Icknield School says: "The new loft space has helped ensure more students can safely continue their education at the FE Centre. It provides more space for learning and leisure time and has a lift and hoists that enable us to care for students who are wheelchair users and those with the most complex medical needs. We are incredibly grateful to the Icknield Trust who volunteer their time to support us, it would be amazing to see some fresh new faces on the team."

The Icknield Trust lease the FE Centre to Hampshire County Council which maintains the external property. The Trust hold around four meetings a year and focus on fundraising initiatives and grant applications to provide the resources that the young people at the FE Centre need. The Trustee role provides a unique opportunity to use skills that you may have gained in a corporate or voluntary sector to support young people in the local community.

To find out more about the role of a Trustee and to look round the FE Centre to see the facilities for yourself email S.Greenwood@icknield.hants.sch.uk or call 01264 365297.