



# **Roots *and* Shoots**

## **Curriculum Information**

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Roots and Shoots is an Independent Training Provider, situated in the London Borough of Lambeth, offering vocational education to young people from all over London who have Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans. By 'young people', we mean those aged 16-24 years.

Our Study Programme and Pre-Supported Internship Programme have been designed to comply with the Equality Act 2010 and the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations (as a key part of the Children and Families Act) 2014. We believe that everything we offer is tailored to the SEND Code of Practice 2014 because we use the EHC Plan as the basis of our admission process. If you are interested in becoming a Roots and Shoots student, we will seek a formal consultation from the Local Authority funding your EHC Plan.

## Study Programme

Our Study Programme offers Level 1 qualifications in Practical Horticulture, Floral Design or Retail. Our Study Programme qualifications are certified by City & Guilds:

- **City and Guilds Certificate in Retail Skills**
- **City and Guilds Award and Certificate in Horticulture Skills**
- **City and Guilds Award and Certificate in Floral Design**

As a training provider focusing on environmental education, it seemed to be a logical choice to provide qualifications in our areas of expertise, sharing a specialist skill set with future generations. London has substantial green spaces, and there is a wealth of training and employment opportunities surrounding green industries. Whether it is tending to plants or flowers in a cultivation setting or a retail setting, there are both specialist and transferable skills that our students are able to learn and demonstrate.

Study Programme learners are expected to continue with Maths, English and ICT to support their vocational learning, as well as improve their Employability. Again, developing a range of practical and transferable skills for any workplace.

Our English, Maths, ICT and Employability qualifications are also certified by City & Guilds:

- **City and Guilds Themed Awards in English and Mathematics Skills**, with each key skill being taught in a manner tailored to the individual student, ranging from Entry 1 to Level 2 as needed.
- **City and Guilds Functional Skills ICT** at Entry Level

- **City and Guilds Award and Certificate in Employability Skills**, ranging from Entry 2 to level 1, depending on the needs of the individual student.

For our students who are preparing for Level 1 qualifications, we offer:

- **WJEC Pathways Entry Award and Certificates**, including Plant Care and Land Maintenance.

A typical study programme timetable is 16 hours / 3 days per week, and there is so much more to being a Roots and Shoots student than just your study programme:

- Our Careers Team will offer job coaching and work experience placements, tailored to the individual's interests and needs.
- For those who have access to therapies listed in their EHC Plan, provision for Speech and Language and Art Therapy will be made.

### **Pre-Supported Internship**

Our Pre-Supported Internship is for 19-24 year olds with EHC Plans. It aims to give the intern an individualised experience in many different fields of work. You can try a range of roles before deciding on your next steps towards training and/or employment. A typical timetable for an intern is 16 hours/3 days per week, but some students are keen to do more.

For younger learners, from the age of 14, we also offer the Schools Link Programme. This is arranged directly with schools in the local area, both specialist and mainstream. Each bespoke session focuses on Environmental Education and is led by Roots and Shoots staff. The pupils who take part in School Links have a range of additional needs and are supported by familiar staff from their own school. We currently work with three special needs schools from Lambeth and Southwark and one mainstream school from Lambeth.

### **Enrichment Programme**

The Enrichment Programme is an integral part of our curriculum. Whilst it is primarily non-accredited it provides crucial support for student health, happiness and wellbeing. It can also provide opportunities to develop wider life skills or to try something totally new in a supportive environment.

Students have the opportunity to enrich their timetable with new experiences such as yoga, drama and music, cycling, sailing, dance and other practical and creative activities. Our most popular example of this is the opportunity to work in the catering kitchen at Roots and Shoots. Every year we welcome thousands of visitors through

community events and room hire and provide hospitality services. Produce from the gardens and allotments forms the basis of the menu offered to guests, cooked in our kitchens by students. It may be an opportunity to learn how to cook for themselves or it may spark an interest in working in the hospitality sector, closely related to retail - also key industries within the city.

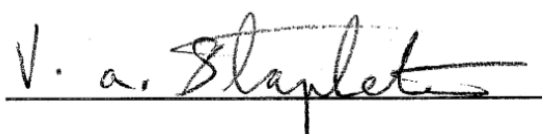
This opportunity to work in the wider enterprise of the organisation can also be utilised to give students insight into the real world of work, through taking an active role within our onsite shop or events service.

**Signed by the Director:**



**Date:** 06/09/22

**Signed by the Chair of Trustees:**



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