

## What do we do?

The Beneficial Foundation is a registered charity in Portsmouth, established in 1979 to provide education, training and rehabilitation for people who, are in need. We seek to assist the disadvantaged, particularly those with learning difficulties and other disabilities. These are our **Trainees**.

We have established a number of social firms where Trainees and other disadvantaged local people can develop their skills, work ethic, confidence and self-worth and progress towards paid employment. Our **Materials Bank & Craft Shop** is just one of our training initiatives.



## Training

We are now running an **Independent Living** Course, through our 'HOUSE WITHIN OUR WAREHOUSE'. The course enables people with learning difficulties to look after themselves and become more independent, by developing their skills, self-esteem and confidence.

Steps to Success provides modular training courses for our Trainees in key elements of **Commerce & Industry** and **Horticulture**. All of our Trainees will be encouraged to **gain a nationally recognised qualification**.



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## Materials Bank & Craft Shop

The Beneficial **Materials Bank** – one of the largest and most successful scrap stores within the UK. The centre collects materials such as paper, card, fabric and plastics each week, to be re-used by our members.

Adjoining our Materials Bank is our **Craft Shop**, based in Fratton, we stock so many useful products, paints, brushes, dyes, canvases and scrap-booking items. The Materials Bank provides a practical **work experience** to our Trainees within a working environment.



## Garden Maintenance

We offer a **high quality service** for garden maintenance work carried out by our experienced Staff and skilled Trainees. We provide general garden maintenance, weeding, lawn care, hedge trimming, planting and we supply plants for planters and hanging baskets giving our Trainees **valuable work experience**.

As a social enterprise we now also produce **garden furniture**, including **garden benches, trellis and bird tables**.