

Pennine Statement of Purpose

1. The aims and objective of the establishment

Pennine is a specialist college offering further education, training and support for young people with special needs. The Camphill Movement creates community settings where children, young people and adults, many with learning disabilities, can live, learn and work together in an atmosphere of mutual co-operation, care and respect.

Camphill is inspired by the philosopher Rudolf Steiner and developed by Karl König, the founder of Camphill. It is based on the spiritual uniqueness of each person, regardless of their differences. It is also a Therapeutic Community, peer reviewed by the Community of Communities framework under the Royal College of Psychiatry.

Pennine is in Chapelthorpe, Wakefield, West Yorkshire. The site, comprising 55-acres, has many land based activities and is close to local community amenities.

Student life at Pennine includes the five households, a farm, riding stables, horticulture enterprises, and workshops. Each of the households provide a home life for residential students, giving them a secure and stable background during their time with us, and allowing a lot of social learning to take place. Day students join one of the households where they have lunch and join in with the household activities during the day. Each house has a distinct character, depending on the blend of people living in the household at any one time.

Many of the vocational co-workers live on site and Pennine is their home. Residential students live in extended family groups together with vocational co-workers, their families and international volunteer co-workers. Everyone plays a part in the running of their household. Day-to-day tasks including washing up, laundry and cleaning become ways of learning about responsibility and accepting each other's abilities. Students benefit greatly from the sense of stability and security created by this living arrangement; they learn increasing self-reliance and gain maturity in an environment where their contributions are valued.

Social Life

Students are encouraged to try new things as well as following their own interests and hobbies, and are also encouraged to participate in planning leisure activities. These may include dancing, singing, music, outings to concerts, plays, exhibitions and places of interest, walks, swimming and other sports, and weekend shopping.

Pennine has an active programme of cultural events that includes concerts, plays, discos and performances that are held both on and offsite.

Facilities

As well as the five houses (Boyne Hill House, Hibernia, Birch, Ruskin and Old Colliery House), there are several other buildings which are used by both the Community and the College. In New Elmet there is a small hall, classrooms, an ICT suite, bakery and small library. There is also a large hall (Aulis), an award winning craft hub, farm buildings and stables.

Environment

Caring for the environment has always been an important part of life at Pennine. Pennine follows organic and biodynamic principles in the management of the horticulture holding and farm, keeping in tune with nature. Through growing produce and through our purchasing policy, Pennine provides a healthy, organic diet.

Pennine strives to create a non-polluting environment through careful use of natural resources and recycling.

2. The name and address of the registered provider and of any registered manager

Pennine has three full time registered managers:

Steve Hopewell - CQC registration number 1-119279838
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Company number 1294923

Pennine is regulated for:

Accommodation and nursing or personal care in the further education sector