

Pennine Statement of Purpose

1. The aims and objective of the establishment

Pennine is a Camphill Community that supports 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.

We are situated in Chapelthorpe, on the outskirts of Wakefield in West Yorkshire. Our site, comprising 35-acres, has a rural aspect and is surrounded by trees, but we are close to the local community.

Pennine Community is not just a college for young people with learning difficulties and special needs. It is also very much a Community.

Student life at Pennine revolves around 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 are affiliated to 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 and their families and volunteer co-workers. Everyone plays a part in the running of their household. Day-to-day tasks such as 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 a programme of cultural events and, for example, concerts and plays are held in our hall.

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, a classroom, a well-equipped ICT room, a bakery and a small library. There is also a large hall (Aulis), several craft workshops, farm buildings and stables.

We are constantly developing and improving our facilities. In June 2009 work started on the Rural Craft Centre, our exciting new project; it will replace several temporary buildings and smaller workshops.

Environment

Caring for the environment has always been an important part of life at Pennine. We follow organic and biodynamic principles in the management of our garden and farm, keeping in tune with nature. By growing much of our own produce, and through our purchasing policy, we try to provide a healthy, organic diet.

As far as possible we attempt to create a non-polluting environment. For example, we try to be careful in our use of natural resources, and we recycle as much as possible.

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

Pennine has four registered managers:

Steve Hopewell - Nominated Individual
William Taylor
Liz Taylor
Lynda Abrahams

All work from and are contactable through the Pennine office.

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3. The relevant qualifications and experience of the registered provider and any registered manager

Each member of the management group have been in post for over 20 years as managers and have a range of relevant experiences for Pennine's activities.
Steve Hopewell – Principal, Registered Manager Award, NVQ 4 Management, Associate Teacher Status
William Taylor – Vice Principal, project management, financial management,
Liz Taylor – NVQ 4 Care,
Lynda Abrahams – Qualified Teacher Status

SCHEDULE 3 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

1. The aims and objectives of the service provider in carrying on the regulated activity.
2. The kinds of services provided for the purposes of the carrying on of the regulated activity and the range of service users' needs which those services are intended to meet.
3. The full name of the service provider and of any registered manager, together with their business address, telephone number and, where available, electronic mail addresses.
4. The legal status of the service provider.
5. Details of the locations at which the services provided for the purposes of the regulated activity are carried on.

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Regulation 3 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008

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Pennine Camphill Community is a Specialist College for students who have learning disabilities. It is also registered with the Care Quality Commission to provide care and support for residential students during the college term times.

Residential students at Pennine are aged between 16 and 25 but most are aged between 18 and 20. Pennine is able to support students who have learning disabilities that are sometimes described within the range of moderate to severe or within the autistic spectrum. Help is given to students to better manage their personal care.

Pennine Camphill Community is registered charity. It is a member of the Association of Camphill Communities and the National Association of Specialist Colleges (Natspec).

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