

Snap Out Of It Photography Group 2021

WELCOME TO North Tyneside L.I.F.E Recovery College

May - July 2022 Prospectus

Helping people learn new positive ways to deal with the stresses of life, understand themselves better and find purpose.

New courses begin from 3rd May and run for 6 weeks.

Most run weekly.

Booking essential - details of how to book each course inside.

voda.org.uk/ntlife/





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About us:

Established in September 2019, we offer co-produced and peer-led activities, workshops and courses, enabling North Tyneside residents over the age of 18 years, to become experts in their own self-care, mental health and wellbeing.

Co-created to develop skills, confidence and self-esteem to manage a personal journey of recovery. Empowering them to identify what a fulfilled life is for them, and support progress towards it.

We **focus** on people's strengths and potential.

We focus on abilities and this has led to students and volunteers finding hope, purpose and meaning, and increased confidence

" I have qualifications, I have held senior management posts, I have travelled...and yet learnt more in the last six months to improve my life than all these things." Student Quote

We **believe** that people with lived experience of mental ill health, have a unique contribution to make towards supporting others to manage their own challenges, irrespective of diagnosis. Co-production and co-creation means you have a voice and we aim to create and adapt as a response to your feedback

We **recognise**, the unique and valuable role, lived experience can play in ensuring services are designed around people's needs.

Everyone involved with NT LIFE has contributed their time, efforts or feedback into creating the sessions we currently provide. Shaping the service we deliver today

Our goal is to provide a "Safe Space" for individuals to:

- connect
- build confidence
- gain knowledge
- develop skills
- explore possibilities

and move forward to a "Brave Space" using the strategies, tools and techniques we share to lead fulfilled lives

We continue to **achieve** this through the delivery of groups, workshops, and courses, designed to empower every student & volunteer on their path of growth, advancement and recovery.





How to get involved:

As a Student and/or Volunteer:

The inclusive nature of the college means that students and volunteers:

- Require no educational qualifications
- Get to **choose** their own courses.
- Courses are **free of charge**
- Open to all North Tyneside Residents 18 yrs +
- Participation is valued

We welcome people with lived experienced of mental health challenges, their families, and/or carers and for those who work in the mental health field.

All of our sessions are co-produced by individuals who have lived experience of challenges with their own mental health (experts by experience), carers and trusted research literature and resources.

The perspective of a person with lived experience gives them a unique insight and empathy with fellow participants

We would love for you to engage with us in any of the following:

- Enrol
- Sign Up for activities, groups, courses, workshops
- Share your thoughts on what would help you engage with us
- Give us ideas of where you would look for information for mental health support
- Tell us how we can eliminate barriers for you to help you access the college

All of the above is of great value to continuing the work we do. To contact us and explore how you would like to get involved simply email: ali.donkin@voda.org.uk or ali.donkin@voda.org.uk

Include your specific enquiry and preferred method of contact

We are happy to help progress your enquiry and welcome you into our community (also affectionately known as our NT LIFE Family)



MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING:

As part of our commitment to people's recovery and well-being, we aim to encourage and develop our students to volunteer in the growing programme we offer. In 2021 we partnered with Sunderland Uni and two of our volunteers qualified as teachers. Proving there are many benefits to volunteering including but not exclusive to:

- Gain confidence
- Make a difference
- Meet new people
- Make new friends
- Be part of a community
- Learn new skills
- Take on a challenge
- Find a purpose
- Have FUN!



We are developing a number of opportunities to help people: increase their knowledge, skills and experience, helping them to achieve their goals. Our volunteer roles are flexible and include a variety of experiences:

- Administrative
- Peer support
- Facilitator and Co-Facilitator roles
- Course Development
- Practical contribution e.g. making stuff to share within our wider community

Interested in Volunteering?

To contact us and explore how you could volunteer simply email: ali.donkin@voda.org.uk **or** alice.holliday@voda.org.uk

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Weekly Activities: At A Glance

- All take place in The Flat, Meadow Well Connected, Waterville Road, North Shields, NE29 6BA unless otherwise stated. See info in brackets.

To download travel instructions please visit: voda.org.uk/nt-life-contact-us/

Mondays:

10am -11.30am **Strong Body Strong Mind** (East End Youth & Community Centre)

10am - 1pm **Vegetarian Cooking** (East End Youth & Community Centre) 11.00 am - 12.00 pm **Football** (The Parks North Shields) 1.15pm - 2.45pm **Autism Awareness** (on fortnightly - see P8 for dates) 1pm - 3pm **Creative Writing**

Tuesdays:

10 am – 12 pm **Woodland Wellbeing** (Northumberland Park) 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Art Group** 3.15 pm – 5.00 pm **Looney Out Of Tuners Singing** 5.15 pm – 7.15 pm **Snap Out Of It Photography**

Wednesdays:

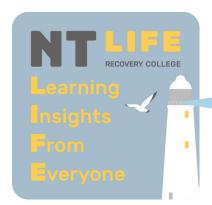
10:00 am – 12:00 am WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan)
10:00 am – 12:00 am Emotional Recovery Toolkit
1:00 pm - 3:00pm DB Cuppa T

Thursdays

10:30 am – 12:30 pm **Dialectical Behavioural Therapy Skills** 1:00pm – 3:00 pm **Art Course**

Fridays

10.30am - 12.30pm How to train your inner dragon



Strong Body Strong Mind



Let's get moving!
Chris Needham
Personal Trainer
introduces us to the
benefits of exercise
for our mental health

The importance of physical movement on our mental health has been well established.

If you want to learn how to exercise to benefit your mental health & get in to a healthy routine this course is for you.

Where?

East End Youth & Community Centre,

Kettlewell House, George Street, North Shields, NE30 1EL

When?

Mondays, 10am-11.30am

Course starts **either** Monday 9th May **or** Monday 20th June

FREE and available to North Tyneside Residents 18+yrs For more information or to sign up

Email:

alice.holliday@voda.org.uk or







Vegetarian Cooking Course



Do you want to explore vegetarian cooking, try new foods and learn about the benefits this can bring to your wellbeing?

There are well known benefits of eating a more plant-based diet, not necessarily wanting to become a full-blown vegetarian, simply reducing our meat intake somewhat.

These include benefits to our physical and mental health, by increasing the range of our nutritional intake, providing the nutrients required for good health therefore aiding mood, concentration and energy levels. It can also be cheaper, tastier and is well known for being better for our planet!

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Football

Run by Newcastle United Foundation



Why not improve your health and wellbeing at a friendly football session?

Free sessions where everyone over 18 is welcome

Spend time with people through your shared love of football. Grow your confidence, your mental health and your circle of friends while learning new skills, or improving your existing skills.

Where?

The Parks Sport Centre, North Shields, NE29 6TL

Weather permitting - outdoor pitches. Indoor pitches in bad weather.

When?

Mondays, 11am - 12pm, Runs throughout the year

Players arrive from 10.45am

Please were suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor all weather pitches

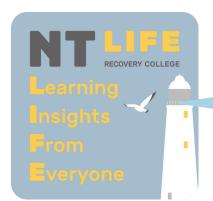
For more information

Email:

Phil.Wilson@nufc.co.uk







Autism Awareness: Female/Non Binary



A group with lived experience of Autism sharing their perspectives for awareness and growth

This group has fortnightly discussions around their Autism experience; it is a proactive environment for problem solving, group advocacy and an opportunity to discover information and effective strategies for living your best life

If you identify as male and would like to explore starting a male perspective group please contact Alice/Ali

Where?

The Flat, Meadow Well Connected, Waterville Road, North Shields, NE29 6BA.

To download travel instructions please visit: voda.org.uk/nt-life-contact-us/

When?

Fortnightly on

Mondays, 1.15 - 2.45 pm, On: 9th May, 23rd May, 6th June, 20th June, 4th July, 18th July

FREE and available to North Tyneside Residents 18+yrs For more information or to sign up

Email:

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Creative Writing



Explore the use of words, imagery and metaphor to create poetry and short stories

Research has demonstrated that creative writing has a positive impact on our mental health. It can give us a unique opportunity to explore our thoughts and feelings, increase self-awareness and self-esteem.

Join other creatives for 6 weeks to explore the power of your words, have fun and discover your hidden or latent skills

Where?

The Flat, Meadow Well Connected, Waterville Road, North Shields, NE29 6BA.

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When?

Mondays, 1-3pm

Course starts Monday 20th June for 6 weeks

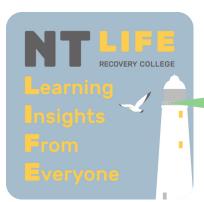
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Woodland Wellbeing



Ever wondered
How can I connect with nature?
How can this support my mental
health and wellbeing?

Take on a new challenge in a new environment in our Woodland Wellbeing course!

- Help you connect more with nature and learn how this can support you in your recovery
- Build confidence and resilience through problem solving activities
- Develop mindfulness techniques and practices through woodland crafts, using tools, nature walks, identifying flora and fauna, nature journaling and more!
- Practice slowing down, relaxing and appreciating the small beauty in nature

Where?

Outside the entrance to Northumberland Park (Tynemouth Road entrance)

When?

Tuesdays, 10am - 12.00pm

Courses start **either** Tues 3rd May **or** 21st June for 6 weeks

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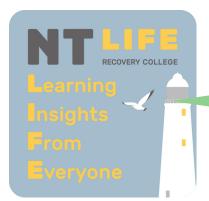
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Art Group



Are you interested in exploring your artistic side? Would you like to develop ideas, express them visually and make friends?

This group is suitable for all abilities from beginners to those with a broader background

A relaxed, creative environment where you can explore Art, painting, and drawing, using a variety of mediums.

A practising Artist with a background in Art education leads participants to explore their own creativity, developing ideas in a supportive environment that improves confidence and helps to improve and sustain a positive mental health outlook.

Where?

The Flat, Meadow Well Connected, Waterville Road, North Shields, NE29 6BA.

To download travel instructions please visit: voda.org.uk/nt-life-contact-us/

When?

Tuesdays, 1 - 3pm

Currently fully booked if interested please contact to be added to waiting list

FREE and available to North Tyneside Residents 18+yrs For more information or to sign up

Email: ali.donkin@voda.org.uk or







The Looney Out Of Tuners



A singing group for people who want to sing just because

Make friends
Give your lungs a work out
Improve your mood and mental
wellbeing
No talent necessary!

Decades of research has shown that singing individually & in groups is good for you on many levels. Join us to have fun and improve your sense of wellbeing, regardless of your singing ability.

This group is suitable for all abilities from beginners to those with a broader background

Where?

The Flat, Meadow Well Connected, Waterville Road, North Shields, NE29 6BA.

To download travel instructions please visit: voda.org.uk/nt-life-contact-us/

When?

Tuesdays, 3.15 - 5:00 pm

Courses start **either** Tues 3rd May **or** 21st lune for 6 weeks

FREE and available to North Tyneside Residents 18+yrs

For more information or to sign up

Email:

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Snap Out Of It



An amateur photography group that uses weekly photography topics as a mindful exercise an opportunity to share

Welcome to the photography concept that is Snap Out Of It!

an opportunity to make new friends

An amateur mindful photography group which encourages you to explore your surroundings, notice and appreciate the unseen, become a tourist in your own neighbourhood and then collaborate as part of a team each week to share and discuss the images you capture.

Where?

The Flat, Meadow Well Connected, Waterville Road, North Shields, NE29 6BA.

To download travel instructions please visit: voda.org.uk/nt-life-contact-us/

When?

Tuesdays, 5.15 - 7.15pm

Courses start **either** Tues 3rd May **or** 21st lune for 6 weeks

FREE and available to North Tyneside Residents 18+yrs

For more information or to sign up

Email:

ali.donkin@voda.org.uk or







Snap Out Of It

Game for Reflection?

How very pleasant, For me, a humble peasant, Living as a tenant in my crescent,

That before me in suburbia, should miraculously present,

Nothing other than a pheasant! Much like natures antidepressant,

Freely roaming my garden living the values of Annie Besant,
Using its game like legs as a means of forward propellant,
On a day the weather of which was inclement,
Its feathers fluttering in the wind like a pennant.
A master of mindfulness, for me a "relaxation lieutenant".

I stopped, I observed. Time passed.

Thank you pheasant for reminding me,
That the opportunity to pause is forever omnipresent.

PAUL LAPHAM October '20



This literary nonsense was triggered by an unexpected but much valued visit to my garden by a pheasant, which completely captivated me, causing me to stop. Mindfulness in a feathery form.

Thereafter, my ever playful mind got the better of me (no surprise there then!).

A saving grace is that I resisted the overwhelming urge to proudly (and quickly) proclaim...I'm not a pheasant plucker, I'm a pheasant plucker's son, a self styled lyrical gangster, rapping about pheasants since I was one!!!







WRAP Awareness Course



Learn to take control of your recovery by building a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP).

WRAP is a self management tool, created by you, for you!

Originally created by Mary Ellen Copeland, WRAP it's there to help aid your recovery,

You will be guided through the 8 steps of WRAP, using the 5 key concepts. The course will include some lighthearted, insightful activities, to encourage you to learn about yourself.

Ultimately WRAP is personal and unique to you. At the end of this course you will have a better understanding of yourself, an awareness on how to create your personal WRAP.

Where?

Room 11A Linskill Centre, Linskill Terrace, North Shields, NE30 2AY

When?

Wednesday 10 - 12 am

Course starts either Tues 3rd May for 6 weeks

FREE and available to North Tyneside Residents 18+yrs

For more information or to sign up

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Website: voda.org.uk/north-tyneside- recovery-college/







Emotional Recovery Tool Kit



Develop your own box of healthy coping strategies to help get you through difficult times, triggers and emotions or even just bring you back to a place of comfort and ease.

Each week you will explore one of your senses to i.e. sight, sound, touch, taste, smell; to explore and identify how you can use them effectively to self-manage emotional regulation

We demonstrates how you can create portable kits, so that if you are out and about you have the convenience of carrying a discrete kit with you, containing your most effective tools.

A fun and interactive session, that has had great reviews from previous learners.

Where?

The Flat, Meadow Well Connected, Waterville Road, North Shields, NE29 6BA.

To download travel instructions please visit: voda.org.uk/nt-life-contact-us/

When?

Wednesdays, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Course starts 22nd June for 6 weeks

FREE and available to North Tyneside Residents 18+yrs

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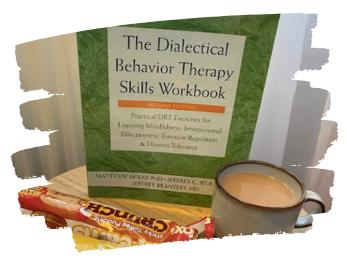
jessica.shaw@voda.org.uk or call: 07709244578 Website: voda.org.uk/ntlife/







DB Cuppa T



Open to D.B.T attendees, Past or Present

A safe and confidential group supporting Dialectical Behavioural Therapy offering fun, friendship and freedom to talk.

An informal relaxed space to discuss any issues with homework, with people who have completed the course.

An opportunity for those who have completed their training to refresh their knowledge from current trainees.

Where?

The Flat, Meadow Well Connected, Waterville Road, North Shields, NE29 6BA.

To download travel instructions please visit: voda.org.uk/nt-life-contact-us/

When?

Wednesdays, 1-3 pm

Courses start **either** Weds 4th May **or** 22nd June for 6 weeks

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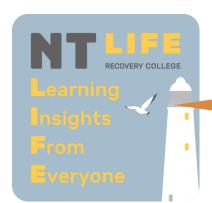
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DBT Skills Training



Learn:

Distress Tolerance,
Emotional Regulation,
Interpersonal
Effectiveness,
and Mindfulness Skills

This 6 week programme will equip you with practical, useable tools to help you improve your ability to cope effectively with your own emotions, other people and your relationships with them.

Where?

The Flat, Meadow Well Connected, Waterville Road, North Shields, NE29 6BA.

To download travel instructions please visit: voda.org.uk/nt-life-contact-us/

When?

Thurs, 10.30am -12.30 pm

Courses start **either** Thurs 5th May **or** 23rd June for 6 weeks

FREE and available to North Tyneside Residents 18+yrs

For more information or to sign up

Email:

ali.donkin@voda.org.uk or







Art Course



Are you curious about learning new skills and seeing how art can enable self-expression?

Come and explore your artistic side on our art course!

Local artist and experienced art teacher, Mick Turnbull, who already runs our successful art group is providing a 6 week course for you to try out a range of artistic skills including sketching, drawing, painting using acrylics and water colours

All materials are provided, you get to keep your artwork or we will happily display your results.

As with all our sessions we aim to provide a safe and supportive space in which you can explore and grow your abilities.

Where?

The Flat, Meadow Well Connected, Waterville Road, North Shields, NE29 6BA.

To download travel instructions please visit: voda.org.uk/nt-life-contact-us/

When?

Thurs, 1-3 pm

Courses start **either** Thurs 5th May **or** 23rd June for 6 weeks

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How to Train your Inner Dragon



Make friends with your inner dragon so they work with you not against you

All of our emotional responses, begin from a position of positive intent: to keep us safe and well.

Sometimes, when we over use one it can get the better of us and lead us into states of anxiety, depression, anger etc.

This course will help you to begin to understand and train your inner dragon, whether they are a sad dragon, an anxious dragon or an angry dragon.

Where?

The Flat, Meadow Well Connected, Waterville Road, North Shields, NE29 6BA.

To download travel instructions please visit: voda.org.uk/nt-life-contact-us/

When?

Fri, 10.30am -12.30 pm

Courses start **either** Fri 6th May **or** 24th June for 6 weeks

FREE and available to North Tyneside Residents 18+yrs For more information or to sign up

Email:

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Creating Our Safe Space

What you can expect from our team

- We will provide FREE course, activities and workshops co-designed to support individuals to improve their social and emotional wellbeing.
- We will be respectful of the rights, life choices, beliefs and opinions of others and promote freedom of speech.
- We will provide direction for further opportunities once you have completed your course(s).
- To keep all personal information confidential in line with our GDPR policy (available upon request).

You agree to:

- Be respectful of the rights, life choices, beliefs and opinions of others and promote freedom of speech.
- Endeavour to validate each other, avoid judging each other and assume everyone is doing their best.
- Maintain punctuality to all the activities you sign up for, or contact your course facilitator or **NT L.I.F.E.** to inform of any changes or delays.

We have a zero tolerance policy on all forms of discrimination and prejudice. Facilitators and students are reminded to maintain appropriate boundaries.

Confidentiality:

Personal Information shared during a course, between students or staff will remain confidential. However there are certain times when we ay need to share your information with other professionals, services or agencies. These include

- If you have threatened to do serious harm to yourself
- If there is concern that you are putting yourself or another person at risk of harm.
- If there is concern that a child is at risk from harm.

What to do if you feel any of the above points have been breached.

- Discuss with your course facilitator at the earliest opportunity.
- Bring it to the attention of NT LIFE staff by emailing ali.donkin@voda.org.uk or alice.holliday@voda.org.uk

Further escalation of Safeguarding issues can be raised with VODA on 0191643 2626 or Email: info@voda.org.uk







Tell us what you think

We always strive to meet the needs of our community, to ensure your voice doesn't go unnoticed please let us know what you think we could do to improve our service.

Whether it is

a course/workshop you think we could offer accessibility to our services

e.g. receiving emails, printed prospectus, access to taster courses

where and how our courses are delivered

the list could go on Simply email us with your thoughts

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To keep up to date with NT LIFE why not follow us on Facebook or visit our webpage:

FB: https://www.facebook.com/NTLifeRecoveryCollege W: voda.org.uk/ntlife

Shortlisted in the UK Mental Health & Wellbeing Awards 2021 "Support During The Pandemic"







