

Welcome to ReSkilled's Newsletter

February 2022



The aim of our Newsletters is to keep you informed of:

- what we're doing and our progress
- new ideas + products
- buying products made in our workshop

Welcome to our **third** ReSkilled Newsletter - we apologise that there's been a long gap since our last newsletter but we now have some **really good news to share!!**

Progress update –

As of 1st January 2022, **ReSkilled now has premises!** This has been a long time coming but we look forward to showing that it will have been worth the wait.



Our workshop location is in the Hall Extension of:

St Peter's Shared Church, 37 Hazel Avenue, Guildford GU1 1NP.



Due to various changes at St Peters since the first lockdown, combined with plans for the future development of their community spaces, the Hall Extension area became available as a space to get ReSkilled off the ground.

It will be temporary, as the space will be needed by the church in the future, but we are able to use it for a minimum of 18 months. Enough to get started!

Almost there: benches in, electrics in, carpet in...

We are now looking for Volunteers to help for a day a week (Monday to Thursday) – you must simply enjoy working with wood and like to encourage others. As a Christian based charity, we also ask that you share our values of hope, forgiveness and valuing everyone. For more information, please see our [Volunteering](#) page.

Our various Referral agencies have been very positive about how it's going and what we'll be offering, and we hope to have our first Participants in March.

Funding

Now that we have premises it should be more straightforward (not necessarily easier) to raise the funds we need. However, whilst Covid has increased the need for a project like ReSkilled, so too has it decreased some funders' ability to provide support.



Our aim is that 50% of ReSkilled's funding will be through the **regular giving** of individuals who have a heart for what we are doing – in the first year this is only expected to be 25% (approx. £6,000). This **reduces our dependence on grants** and in the long term we also aim to find a partner organisation to work with.

We will be presenting ReSkilled to local churches and hope that many who want to see lives transformed will become part of the donor base. We will give presentations more widely later.

Wooden Products

When Participants start attending ReSkilled - one day a week - they will make a couple of pieces to keep or give to someone. After that, our expectation is to alternate between something for ReSkilled to sell, helping to support us, and something for themselves.

As such we have continued to develop the product range. We now have a variety of products planned:

- Candle holders
- Mirrors
- Clocks
- Chopping boards
- Scarf hanger
- Door wedges
- Bagel cutting block
- and more...



Candle holder



Mirror with keyring hooks



Bagel cutting block

We know that while many people may have little or no previous wood skills, others may be quite accomplished and appreciate a challenge!

Prayer requests –

We would value your prayers for the following please:

- Firstly, giving thanks for workshop premises!
- Setting up – for the last practical and administrative tasks to flow smoothly
- Good relationships to be established with Referrers and Participants
- Funding – for God’s provision through grants and others, especially given added setting up costs
- For God’s presence in the daily running of the workshop

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Thank you for your interest and support in every way.

May we all be “working to restore hope” together!

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