

Training at the Wood Works

In December 2004 we moved into the Genesis Centre in the middle of Bath which comprises of offices for the General Manager, fundraising and administration staff, a life skills room and **The Wood Works**. The workshop opened in April 2005 when our first batch of trainees started repairing and restoring furniture. On May 12th 2005 we officially launched the project and our shop opened.

The workshop has attracted a total of 21 trainees so far and they have been referred from several agencies including Connexions, Career Finder, New Deal, Scout Enterprises, E2E (education to employment), Youth Offending Team and from several Genesis Trust projects. Trainees/volunteers are of all ages from 15-83, although predominantly men, we do also have some women.

Formal Training started at the Wood Works in November with a Manual Handling and Health and Safety course run over three sessions by Bath City College. In addition Neil Rogers from Lloyds TSB ran a very successful session on interview technique and writing a C.V. Neil will be running this session on a monthly basis.

All trainees from January 2006 are being offered the opportunity to take the City and Guilds 6135 Basic Wood Working Course (level1) which will progress onto the Construction award in Carpentry and Joinery (level 2)



New Commission at the Wood Works

The Wood Works has also just finished its first bespoke commission, making made notice boards for Manvers Street Baptist Church

As explained by Dave Twine" *We are really pleased to be able to commission the Woodworks, for us this combines competitive price with supporting the very valuable work that Genesis carries out.*

Manvers Street Baptist Church has always been supportive of the Genesis Trust and the homeless. The Julian House Night shelter is situated adjacent to the church and the Coffee Shop sells Genesis Vouchers and Christmas Cards.