



MAKE & GROW

— WORKSHOP —

BUILDING SKILLS. BUILDING CONFIDENCE. BUILDING FUTURES.

PRACTICAL LEARNING THROUGH REAL PROJECTS



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LEARN.
BUILD.
GROW.
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE.



WHY MAKE & GROW EXISTS



START WITH THE PROBLEM.

Many learners struggle in traditional classrooms.

SOME HAVE:



SEND



SEMH



EBSA



BEHAVIOUR
NEEDS



LOW
CONFIDENCE



POOR
ATTENDANCE



ANXIETY



DISENGAGE-
MENT

YET MANY OF THESE LEARNERS THRIVE WHEN THEY CAN...



BUILD



CREATE



SOLVE
PROBLEMS



WORK ALONGSIDE
SOMEONE WHO
BELIEVES IN THEM.



WE DON'T TEACH THROUGH **WORKSHEETS.**
WE TEACH THROUGH MEANINGFUL
PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES.



TEACHERS WORK
INCREDIBLY HARD.

FOR MOST LEARNERS,
SCHOOL IS THE
RIGHT PLACE.

SOME LEARNERS
NEED A DIFFERENT
ROUTE TO SUCCEED.

WE'RE HERE TO
HELP THEM GET BACK
ON TRACK.

OUR MISSION

To help young people discover **confidence**,
independence and **employability** through
practical learning, enabling them to **re-engage**
with education, achieve recognised qualifications
and move towards **positive futures**.

Some learners face barriers that make classroom learning difficult. This can lead to anxiety, poor attendance, low confidence and disengagement—not because they cannot learn, but because they learn differently.



OUR ROLE IS NOT TO REPLACE SCHOOLS.
OUR ROLE IS TO HELP LEARNERS **RE-ENGAGE**.



DEVELOP CONFIDENCE

Helping learners
believe in
themselves again.



IMPROVE ENGAGEMENT

Making learning
meaningful
through real
projects.



SUPPORT RE-ENGAGEMENT

Building the skills
and confidence
needed to return
to school whenever
appropriate.



BUILD EMPLOYABILITY

Developing practical,
transferable skills
for life and work.



CREATE QUALIFICATIONS

Providing evidence
of achievement
through authentic
practical projects.



MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE

Supporting positive
outcomes for learners,
families, schools
and communities.



**MAKE &
GROW**
— WORKSHOP —



CONSTRUCTION IS **NOT** THE DESTINATION—IT IS THE **VEHICLE**.

Through practical projects, learners develop confidence, communication, resilience, teamwork, independence and the life skills needed to thrive in education, employment and beyond.



WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

Traditional classroom teaching works exceptionally well for the majority of learners.
Make & Grow exists to support those who **learn best** through **practical experiences**.

♥ Different Approaches.
Same Goal.
Brighter Futures.

TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM TEACHING

A proven approach that works brilliantly for most learners.



Structured lessons and effective resources



Teacher led instruction and guidance



Assessment through written evidence



Clear curriculum and progression



Collaborative learning in a classroom environment



We **value and respect** the incredible work teachers and schools do every day to educate and support young people.



VS

Working Together for Every Learner

THE MAKE & GROW APPROACH



A practical approach for learners who engage, learn and thrive through hands-on experiences.



Real projects with genuine purpose



Hands-on **practical** learning



Community impact that makes a difference



Genuine **responsibility** and ownership



Authentic learning and evidence of achievement



Building skills for life, confidence for today and **brighter futures** for tomorrow.



**DIFFERENT PATHS.
SAME PURPOSE.**

Our shared goal is to help every young person reach their potential and build a **positive future**.



CONFIDENCE



COMMUNICATION



TEAMWORK



PROBLEM SOLVING



INDEPENDENCE



EMPLOYABILITY



PRIDE

THE MAKE & GROW METHOD™

Every project follows the same proven process used in the workplace.

Learners don't just build something – they learn how to think, plan, solve problems, evaluate their work and take pride in their achievements.



1 RECEIVE THE JOB

Learners are introduced to a genuine project or challenge.

Listen carefully

- Ask questions
- Understand the brief
- Identify the desired outcome



Examples:

"Build a raised planter."
"Repair a school bench."
"Create a wildlife area."



REFLECT & GROW

Every project ends with reflection.

Learners discuss:

- What went well
- Challenges they overcame
- New skills they developed
- What they would improve next time



This is where learning becomes long-term confidence.



PLAN THE WORK

Before picking up any tools, learners think first.

They consider:

- Materials
- Tools
- Measurements
- Safety
- Timescales
- Team roles



This develops planning and organisational skills.



COMPLETE THE JOB

Now learners put their plans into action.

Throughout the project they develop:

- Practical skills
- Communication
- Teamwork
- Problem solving
- Resilience
- Independence



This is where confidence begins to grow.



CHECK THE QUALITY

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1 CHECK THE QUALITY

The project isn't finished until it has been checked.

Learners ask:

- ✓ Does it work?
- ✓ Can I improve it?
- ✓ Is it safe?
- ✓ Would I be proud to hand this over?



This teaches attention to detail and pride in workmanship.



REAL PROJECTS.
REAL RESPONSIBILITY.
REAL LEARNING.

THE MAKE & GROW METHOD™
DEVELOPS **FAR MORE** THAN PRACTICAL SKILLS.



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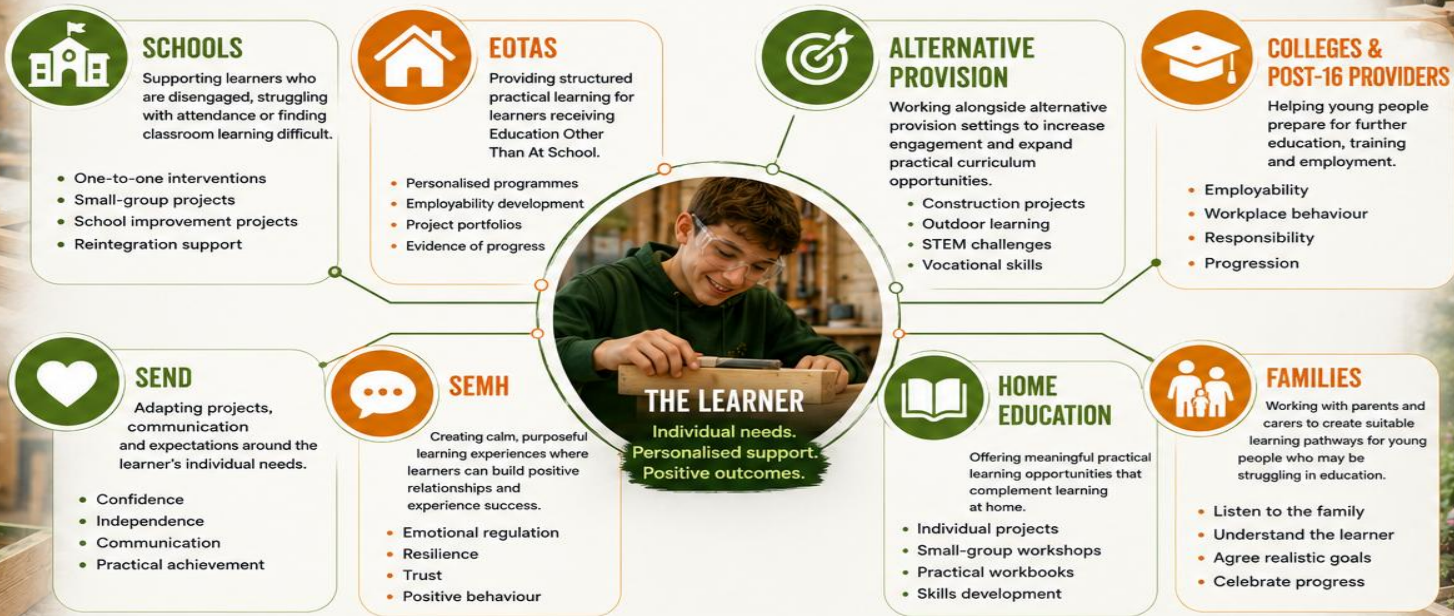
TEAMWORK



PRIDE

WHO WE SUPPORT

Make & Grow works alongside schools, families and education professionals to create practical learning opportunities for young people who need a different route to succeed.



DIFFERENT SETTINGS. DIFFERENT NEEDS. ONE SHARED GOAL:
HELPING EVERY LEARNER BUILD CONFIDENCE, SKILLS AND A POSITIVE FUTURE.



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WHAT WE OFFER

Practical learning solutions designed to empower young people,
support schools and **make a real difference.**



1 PRACTICAL LEARNING PROGRAMME

One-to-one personalised interventions

Tailored practical projects that build confidence, independence, engagement and employability.



2 SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Half-day and full-day practical workshops

Hands-on learning linked to the curriculum and tailored to your learners.



3 SMALL GROUP PROJECTS

2-6 learners

Collaborative practical projects that develop teamwork, communication, responsibility and problem solving.



4 PRACTICAL WORKBOOKS

A growing library of downloadable resources to deliver engaging, practical learning.

- Build Series
- Practical Challenges
- STEM Activities
- Outdoor Learning
- Gardening Projects
- Construction Projects
- Seasonal Activities
- Teacher Guides
- Risk Assessments
- Hundreds of Worksheets



5 OUTDOOR LEARNING

Developing confidence through nature, environmental projects and practical outdoor experiences.



6 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Using construction as the vehicle to teach transferable life and employability skills.

- Practical skills
- Planning & problem solving
- Health & safety
- Pride in workmanship

7 STEM CHALLENGES

Engineering, science and design activities that inspire curiosity and problem solving.



8 GARDENING & SUSTAINABILITY

Creating meaningful projects that improve environments and teach responsibility and care for the planet.



9 COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Helping learners make a genuine contribution through projects that benefit schools and local communities.



10 HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Practical holiday activities that keep young people active, creative and learning.

- Fun
- Practical
- Creative
- Team activities

11 STAFF CONSULTANCY

Supporting schools with practical curriculum development, intervention planning, CPD and school improvement projects.

- Curriculum & workshop design
- SEND & SEMH strategies
- CPD & staff training
- Reset & repair room development
- Environment improvement
- Intervention planning & support

GROWING RESOURCE LIBRARY

500+ PRINTABLE WORKSHEETS

60+ PRACTICAL BUILD PROJECTS

HUNDREDS OF PRACTICAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

DOWNLOADABLE TEACHER RESOURCES

RISK ASSESSMENTS AND TEACHER GUIDES INCLUDED

WHATEVER THE SETTING, THE GOAL IS ALWAYS THE SAME:
HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BUILD **CONFIDENCE**, **SKILLS** AND A **POSITIVE FUTURE.**





Every learner is different. That's why every Make & Grow programme is personalised to their individual strengths, interests, goals and support needs.



One learner.
One project.
Real outcomes.

THE LEARNER JOURNEY



1 MEET THE LEARNER

We take time to understand their interests, strengths, barriers, aspirations and support needs.



2 CHOOSE A PROJECT

Together we choose a meaningful project that matches the learner and has a real purpose.



3 PLAN & PREPARE

We plan the work, gather materials, consider safety and set clear goals.



4 BUILD & CREATE

The learner brings the plan to life, developing practical skills, confidence and independence along the way.



5 REFLECT & GROW

We review the project, celebrate achievements and set goals for the future.



Every project follows The Make & Grow Method™



Receive the Job



Plan the Work



Complete the Job



Check the Quality



Reflect & Grow

EXAMPLE PROJECTS

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT



Build a bench



Install planters



Paint classrooms

WILDLIFE PROJECTS



Bird boxes



Bug hotels



Hedgehog homes



Bee habitats

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



Pergolas



Fencing & repairs



Storage solutions

GARDENING & SUSTAINABILITY



Raised beds



Vegetable gardens

ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENTS



Murals



Garden restoration



Community clean-ups

COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Community builds



Signs & noticeboards



Their school



Their community



Wildlife & nature



The environment



Their future

Projects that make a difference

THE PROJECT IS NEVER THE END GOAL.

IT IS THE VEHICLE THAT HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP THE **CONFIDENCE**, **INDEPENDENCE** AND **EMPLOYABILITY** SKILLS THEY NEED TO SUCCEED IN EDUCATION, TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND EVERYDAY LIFE.

SKILLS DEVELOPED



Confidence



Communication



Planning



Problem Solving



Teamwork



Independence



Responsibility



Resilience



Pride in Achievement



Employability Skills

MEASURING PROGRESS

- ✓ Practical skills development
- ✓ Attendance and engagement
- ✓ Confidence and self-esteem
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Behaviour and attitudes
- ✓ Independence and initiative
- ✓ Learner reflections
- ✓ Photographic portfolio
- ✓ Teacher and parent feedback



Meaningful evidence for EHCP reviews, annual reviews, learner reports and future planning.



Real projects.
Real responsibility.
Real learning.



WORKSHOP THEMES



Every workshop is practical, engaging and designed to develop confidence, teamwork, problem-solving and independence through real hands-on experiences.
Our workshops can be tailored to suit different ages, abilities and learning needs.



1 WOODWORKING

Create practical items from timber.

- Bird Boxes
- Tool Caddies
- Benches
- Bug Hotels
- Wooden Signs
- Planters
- Bat Boxes
- Outdoor Seating
- Games

Skills Developed:
Measuring • Marking Out • Safe Tool Use • Assembly • Accuracy



2 CONSTRUCTION

Real construction projects that build skills and confidence.

- Raised Beds
- Fencing
- Site Improvements
- Pergolas
- Painting & Decorating
- Outdoor Classrooms
- Community Builds
- Storage Solutions

Learners experience:
Planning • Health & Safety • Problem Solving
Responsibility • Teamwork



3 GARDENING & SUSTAINABILITY

Create beautiful spaces that benefit people and wildlife.

- Vegetable Gardens
- Composting
- Herb Gardens
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Pollinator Beds
- Sensory Gardens
- Wildlife Planting
- Nature Trails



4 STEM CHALLENGES

Investigate, design and engineer solutions to challenges.

- Catapults
- Bridges
- Tower Challenges
- Marble Runs
- Egg Drop Challenge
- Balloon Rockets
- Water Filters
- Pulley Systems
- Wind Power
- Chain Reactions

Skills Developed:
Engineering • Creativity • Critical Thinking • Problem Solving



5 OUTDOOR LEARNING

Learning beyond the classroom.

- Shelter Building
- Nature Investigation
- Orienteering
- Survival Challenges
- Bushcraft Skills
- Team Tasks
- Fire Safety (Theory)
- Environmental Projects



6 NATURE & WILDLIFE

Explore and care for the natural world.

- Wildlife Surveys
- Pond Studies
- Habitat Creation
- Bird Watching
- Butterfly Counts
- Animal Tracking
- Minibeast Investigations
- Food Chains



7 RECYCLING & SUSTAINABILITY

Give waste materials a new purpose.

- Upcycling Projects
- Pallet Projects
- Eco Challenges
- Plastic Bottle Builds
- Junk Modelling
- Sustainable Design
- Circular Economy Activities



8 SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

Workshops inspired by the seasons and special occasions.

- Spring Gardening
- Halloween Builds
- Summer Challenges
- Easter Activities
- Autumn Nature Projects
- Valentine's Projects
- Christmas Crafts
- Bonfire Safety Activities



9 TEAM CHALLENGES

Collaborative challenges that build communication and leadership.

- Bridge Building
- Construction Competitions
- Escape Challenges
- Raft Design
- Giant Marble Runs
- Treasure Hunts
- Problem Solving Games
- Survivor Challenges

EVERY WORKSHOP DEVELOPS...



Confidence



Communication



Teamwork



Problem Solving



Creativity



Independence



Resilience



Leadership



Pride in Achievement



SKILLS FOR LIFE



CONFIDENCE



COMMUNICATION



TEAMWORK



PROBLEM SOLVING



CREATIVITY



INDEPENDENCE



RESILIENCE



LEADERSHIP



PRIDE IN ACHIEVEMENT



CONSTRUCTION IS SIMPLY ONE OF THE TOOLS WE USE.



OUR REAL GOAL IS HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP THE CONFIDENCE, SKILLS AND RESILIENCE THEY NEED TO SUCCEED IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND EVERYDAY LIFE.

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EXAMPLE PROJECTS

*Built with pride.
Made to last.
Making a difference.*

Real projects. Real skills. Real impact.
Projects that build confidence, develop skills and improve our schools and communities.



BIRD BOX

Providing homes for wildlife and supporting biodiversity.



BENCH

Creating comfortable spaces to relax, socialise and enjoy.



PLANTER

Brightening up spaces with colour, plants and purpose.



GIANT GAMES

Fun, engaging games that bring people together and build teamwork.



BUG HOTEL

Creating habitats for insects and supporting pollinators.



HERB GARDEN

Growing fresh herbs while learning about plants and sustainability.



SENSORY GARDEN

Designing calming, inclusive spaces that engage the senses.



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Bringing learning outside to inspire, engage and create new experiences.

**EACH PROJECT
DEVELOPS...**



CONFIDENCE



COMMUNICATION



TEAMWORK



PROBLEM SOLVING



INDEPENDENCE



RESPONSIBILITY



RESILIENCE



PRIDE

**REAL PROJECTS.
REAL SKILLS.
REAL IMPACT.**



BUILDING MORE THAN PROJECTS – BUILDING CONFIDENCE, SKILLS AND A POSITIVE FUTURE.



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PRACTICAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE REAL WORLD



Our vision is to create a qualification that reflects what learners can genuinely **do**, helping them develop practical skills, confidence and employability through meaningful **real-world experiences**.

TRADITIONAL ASSESSMENT

Often relies on simulated classroom activities that don't reflect real life.

- ✗ Simulated tasks
- ✗ Written evidence
- ✗ Artificial scenarios
- ✗ No lasting purpose



Learners complete tasks that are not always meaningful or memorable.



ENTRY LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATION (IN DEVELOPMENT)

Developed around authentic work-based tasks.
Real projects. Real skills. Real impact.



THE MAKE & GROW APPROACH

Real projects. Real purpose.
Real skills for real life.

- ✓ Authentic work-based tasks
- ✓ Practical evidence
- ✓ Real-world environments
- ✓ Lasting impact



Learners complete meaningful projects that make a difference and develop real skills.

WHY WE ARE DEVELOPING THIS QUALIFICATION

- To recognise learners who excel in practical learning
- To bridge the gap between education and employment
- To provide real evidence of skills and achievement
- To build confidence, independence and resilience
- To create lasting opportunities for young people

DEVELOPING KEY SKILLS FOR LIFE AND WORK



REAL EVIDENCE – NOT SIMULATED TASKS

Learners will produce evidence through:

- ✓ Photographs of completed projects
- ✓ Learner reflections
- ✓ Assessor observations
- ✓ Practical demonstrations
- ✓ A portfolio of completed work
- ✓ Employer-style feedback where appropriate



THE QUALIFICATION ISN'T ABOUT PROVING LEARNERS CAN COMPLETE AN ASSESSMENT – IT'S ABOUT RECOGNISING WHAT THEY CAN GENUINELY ACHIEVE IN REAL-WORLD SETTINGS.

HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE MOVE CONFIDENTLY INTO



FURTHER EDUCATION



APPRENTICESHIPS



EMPLOYMENT



INDEPENDENT LIVING



POSITIVE FUTURES

EVERY PROJECT BUILDS MORE THAN SKILLS – IT BUILDS CONFIDENCE, CHARACTER AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE



Supporting teachers, schools, alternative provision, home educators and families with a growing collection of high-quality practical learning resources that are ready to use.

Hundreds of
downloadable
practical learning
resources.



SAVE TIME



ENGAGE LEARNERS



BUILD SKILLS



REAL IMPACT



✓ PRACTICAL WORKBOOKS

Comprehensive workbooks with everything you need to deliver practical learning.

- Build guides
- Knowledge organisers
- Literacy & maths activities
- Reflection & assessment
- Challenge & extension tasks



Schools



SEND



Alt. Provision



Home Ed



Families



✓ BUILD SERIES

Step-by-step project packs to build practical items and real skills.

- Materials list
- Tool guide
- Instructions
- Safety guidance
- Practical tips
- Design variations



✓ LESSON PACKS

Ready-to-use lesson plans linked to practical learning.

- Learning objectives
- Differentiated activities
- Challenge tasks
- Discussion questions
- Reflection opportunities



✓ RISK ASSESSMENTS & SAFETY

Helping schools deliver activities safely and confidently.

- Activity risk assessments
- Tool safety guidance
- PPE advice
- Supervision recommendations
- Safe working procedures
- Best practice guidance



600+
PRINTABLE
WORKSHEETS



60+
PRACTICAL
BUILD PROJECTS



100+
LESSON & ACTIVITY
PACKS



NEW
RESOURCES
ADDED REGULARLY

GROWING EVERY MONTH!



✓ STARTER ACTIVITIES

Quick, engaging activities to start any session.

- Spot the Difference
- Mazes
- Problem Solving
- Matching
- Observation Challenges
- Practical Thinking



✓ WORKSHEETS

Hundreds of printable worksheets supporting practical learning.

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- STEM
- Nature
- Construction
- Gardening
- Outdoor Learning
- Sustainability
- Multiple difficulty levels



✓ TEACHER GUIDES

Support and guidance to deliver practical learning with confidence.

- Workshop delivery advice
- Differentiation
- Equipment guidance
- Classroom tips
- Extension ideas
- Curriculum links



DESIGNED FOR...



PRIMARY
SCHOOLS



SECONDARY
SCHOOLS



SEND
SCHOOLS



ALTERNATIVE
PROVISION



HOME
EDUCATION



FAMILIES



YOUTH
ORGANISATIONS



VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR THE FULL RANGE
OF RESOURCES

EVERY RESOURCE IS DESIGNED TO BE PRACTICAL, ENGAGING AND EASY TO USE. BUILD IT. TEACH IT. ADAPT IT. INSPIRE IT.



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BUILDING MORE THAN PRACTICAL SKILLS



CONFIDENCE

Success builds confidence. Learners experience genuine achievement, believe in their abilities and develop motivation to take on new challenges.



COMMUNICATION

Practical learning creates natural opportunities to communicate, listen, ask questions and share ideas with others.



PROBLEM SOLVING

Every project presents challenges. Learners learn to think for themselves, adapt, solve problems and keep trying until they succeed.



RESILIENCE

Setbacks are part of the process. Learners develop perseverance, learn from mistakes and build the resilience to overcome challenges.



INDEPENDENCE

As confidence grows, learners take more ownership of their learning and projects, making decisions and completing tasks with less support.

EVERY PROJECT BUILDS...

- ✓ Confidence
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Problem Solving
- ✓ Employability
- ✓ Resilience
- ✓ Independence
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Pride
- ✓ Attendance & Engagement
- ✓ Positive Behaviour



Every project is designed to help young people develop the confidence, skills and mindset they need to succeed in education, employment and everyday life.

CONSTRUCTION IS SIMPLY THE VEHICLE.
THE LEARNER IS ALWAYS THE DESTINATION.



A PORTFOLIO OF REAL ACHIEVEMENT

Learners leave with evidence of their hard work that they can be proud of and use to open doors.



Project Photographs



Reflections



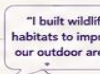
Completed Builds



Certificates



Evidence of Practical Skills



READY FOR INTERVIEWS & EMPLOYMENT

Learners gain real experiences they can confidently talk about in interviews, on applications and in future workplaces.

A PATHWAY TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE



REAL PROJECT
Meaningful, authentic work that makes an impact.



PRACTICAL SKILLS
Develop hands-on skills and essential life competencies.



PORTFOLIO EVIDENCE
Build a portfolio of real evidence and achievements to be proud of.



CONFIDENCE & SELF-BELIEF
Belief in their abilities grows and opens up new opportunities.



FUTURE PATHWAYS
Move confidently into college, apprenticeships, employment or training.



EMPLOYABILITY

Learners develop the skills employers value: reliability, responsibility, time management, organisation and safe working practices.



TEAMWORK

Working alongside others helps learners build respect, support teammates, share ideas and celebrate shared success.



PRIDE

Seeing their projects make a real difference creates a powerful sense of achievement and pride in what they have built.



ATTENDANCE & ENGAGEMENT

Purposeful, hands-on learning gives learners a reason to attend, a reason to engage and a reason to achieve.



BEHAVIOUR & SELF-REGULATION

When learners feel valued and successful, behaviour improves. They develop responsibility, respect, patience and better decision-making.

MAKE & GROW

doesn't just teach practical skills.

We help young people become the best version of themselves.



REAL PROJECTS. REAL SKILLS. REAL IMPACT. REAL FUTURES.

Working together to help young people build skills for life and create a brighter future.



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BENEFITS FOR SCHOOLS



Make & Grow doesn't just support individual learners – it creates lasting benefits for schools, staff, the wider school environment and the local community.

EVERY PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO PRODUCE POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR **EVERYONE** INVOLVED.

**REAL PROJECTS.
REAL IMPACT.
STRONGER SCHOOLS.
BRIGHTER FUTURES.**



IMPROVED ENGAGEMENT

Practical learning gives many learners a reason to participate.

- ✓ Increased participation
- ✓ Greater confidence
- ✓ Improved motivation
- ✓ Better relationships



IMPROVED ATTENDANCE

When learners look forward to learning, attendance often improves.

- ✓ Increased attendance
- ✓ Greater participation
- ✓ Improved punctuality
- ✓ Reduced disengagement



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Learners who feel trusted and successful are more likely to make positive choices.

- ✓ Responsibility
- ✓ Self-regulation
- ✓ Respect
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Pride in achievement



ALTERNATIVE CURRICULUM

Provides an additional pathway for learners who need a more practical approach.



EVIDENCE FOR EHCPs & REVIEWS

Every programme generates meaningful evidence for:

- EHCP Reviews
- Behaviour Support
- Personal Targets
- Progress
- Employability Skills
- Transition Planning



LONG-TERM SCHOOL IMPACT



More than completed projects – a lasting impact on learners, the school and the whole community.



Learners take pride in their school



Respect shared spaces and equipment



Care for the things they have built



Stronger sense of belonging



Positive ambassadors for their school



PRIDE IN SCHOOL

Learners improve the environment they learn in every day and feel a sense of ownership.



Planters



Benches



Gardens



Wildlife Habitats



Classroom Refresh



Signs & Displays



RESTORATIVE PROJECTS

Positive opportunities for learners to repair, restore and improve their environment.



Repair Damage



Repaint Areas



Restore Outdoors



Build Replacements



Improve Spaces



STAFF SUPPORT

We work alongside school staff, not replace them.

- Additional intervention capacity
- Practical expertise
- Flexible delivery
- Shared planning
- Staff CPD
- Reduced pressure for targeted learners



COMMUNITY LINKS

Projects can extend beyond the school gates.



Community Gardens



Local Charities



Wildlife Conservation



Public Spaces



Environmental Improvements

THE MAKE & GROW IMPACT JOURNEY



LEARNER

Builds confidence, skills and a sense of purpose.



PROJECT

Completes real, meaningful projects that matter.



IMPROVED SCHOOL

Better environment, better resources, better opportunities.



PRIDE & OWNERSHIP

Learners feel valued, trusted and proud of their contribution.



LASTING LEGACY

A stronger school community and brighter futures for all.

EVERY COMPLETED PROJECT CREATES **TWO** LASTING LEGACIES.



A BETTER LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL.



A LEARNER WHO FEELS VALUED, TRUSTED AND PROUD OF WHAT THEY HAVE ACHIEVED.



SAFETY & QUALITY

SAFE, PROFESSIONAL & TRUSTED

The safety and wellbeing of every learner is our highest priority. Every Make & Grow programme is planned, risk assessed and delivered to the highest professional standards, giving schools complete confidence in every session.



OUR COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

- ✓ Professional planning
- ✓ Safe delivery
- ✓ Individual needs
- ✓ Continuous assessment
- ✓ High-quality learning
- ✓ Positive outcomes

GIVING SCHOOLS CONFIDENCE



ENHANCED DBS

- Enhanced DBS checked
- Suitable for working with children and vulnerable learners
- Professional standards maintained at all times



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do.

- Child-centred practice
- Clear safeguarding procedures
- Recording and reporting concerns
- Professional boundaries
- Working closely with school safeguarding teams

Every learner's welfare comes first.



FIRST AID

Prepared for emergencies.

- Emergency First Aid at Work
- Accident reporting procedures
- Emergency response planning
- First aid kits and supplies
- Appropriate first aid equipment



RISK ASSESSMENTS

Every workshop and project is carefully planned before it begins.

- Activities, tools and equipment
- Learning environments and locations
- Individual learner needs
- Dynamic risk assessment throughout the session



PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

Providing reassurance for schools and partner organisations.

- Fully insured for activities delivered on school sites and other approved locations



PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE

Giving schools confidence that advice, planning and professional services are fully covered.

- Professional advice
- Programme planning
- Documentation and reporting



TOOL SAFETY

Teaching safe working practices is a key part of every project.

- Tool demonstrations
- Safe working guidance
- Appropriate supervision
- PPE where required
- Progressive tool introduction



COSHH

Projects are delivered in line with COSHH principles.

- Safe use, storage and handling of substances
- Products such as paints, treatments, adhesives and cleaning materials



LONE WORKING

Clear procedures followed for all individual or off-site sessions.

- Communication procedures
- Location planning
- Emergency arrangements
- Dynamic risk assessment
- Professional boundaries



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. SAFE PRACTICE. MEANINGFUL LEARNING.

Creating environments where young people can learn, build and grow with confidence.

ENHANCED CHECKED ✓

FIRST AID AT WORK +

ICO REGISTERED 🔒

FULLY INSURED 🛡️





WHY PRACTICAL LEARNING WORKS

Many young people learn best when they are actively involved in the learning process rather than simply receiving information. Practical learning combines **thinking, doing** and **reflecting** to create meaningful, lasting experiences.



“Young people are far more likely to remember the bench they built, the planter they created or the wildlife area they designed than another worksheet they completed.”

LEARNERS REMEMBER MORE WHEN THEY...



BUILD

Instead of simply reading about a skill, they measure, cut, build, assemble and create. Learning becomes real.



EXPERIENCE

Young people gain first-hand experience rather than observing from the sidelines. They learn through doing.



REFLECT

Every project finishes with discussion and reflection. Learners think about what went well, what challenged them, what they learned and what they would do differently. Reflection turns experience into learning.



SOLVE PROBLEMS

Real projects rarely go exactly to plan. Learners develop resilience by adapting ideas, trying different approaches, working together and learning from mistakes. Problem-solving is one of the most valuable employability skills.

THE MAKE & GROW LEARNING CYCLE



FROM WORKSHEET TO REAL PROJECT

TRADITIONAL ACTIVITY



Complete a worksheet about measuring.

MAKE & GROW APPROACH



Measure timber accurately to build a planter.

REAL OUTCOME



A finished planter used every day by the school.

LASTING IMPACT

- ✓ Confidence
- 💬 Interview experience
- 🌱 Practical evidence

RESEARCH SUPPORTS ACTIVE LEARNING

Educational research consistently shows that learners benefit when they:



Participate actively



Apply knowledge in meaningful contexts



Receive immediate feedback



Reflect on their learning



Solve authentic problems



Work collaboratively

WHAT LEARNERS SAY

“I built that.”

“I didn't think I could do it.”

“Can we build something else next week?”

That change in mindset is often the first step towards renewed confidence and engagement.



THE EVIDENCE IN PRACTICE

70%

of learners are more engaged when learning is practical and hands-on.

(Education Endowment Foundation)

65%

of young people say hands-on learning helps them understand more deeply.

(Int. Journal of Educational Research)

75%

of what we learn by doing rather than just listening.

(National Training Laboratories)



Practical learning develops transferable skills that employers value most.

(World Economic Forum)

PRACTICAL LEARNING BUILDS...



Practical Skills



Confidence



Communication



Teamwork



Independence



Problem Solving



Creativity



Responsibility



Pride



WE DON'T JUST TEACH PRACTICAL SKILLS.
WE CREATE MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCES THAT HELP YOUNG PEOPLE BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES, RECONNECT WITH LEARNING AND PREPARE FOR LIFE BEYOND EDUCATION.



ACTIVE LEARNING



REAL EXPERIENCES



REAL OUTCOMES



REAL FUTURES

THE JOURNEY WE AIM TO CREATE

Every learner's journey is different.

Every programme is personalised to the learner's strengths, interests and goals.
The examples below show the type of journeys Make & Grow is designed to support.
(Illustrative examples based on typical learner needs.)

These are **potential** journeys based on our experience and the needs of young people.

Real stories to come!



LEARNER ONE



CHALLENGE

- Low confidence
- Disengaged in lessons
- Poor attendance
- Finds classroom learning difficult

PROJECT

Design and build raised planters for the school garden.



SKILLS DEVELOPED



POTENTIAL OUTCOME

- Increased engagement
- Greater confidence
- Improved attendance
- A completed project they can be proud of



LEARNER TWO



CHALLENGE

- SEMH needs
- Low self-esteem
- Difficulty regulating emotions
- Limited trust in adults

PROJECT

Build bird boxes and wildlife habitats.



SKILLS DEVELOPED



POTENTIAL OUTCOME

- Improved relationships
- Positive contribution to the school environment
- Greater resilience
- Increased sense of achievement



LEARNER THREE



CHALLENGE

- Preparing for college or employment
- Needs practical experience
- Limited confidence talking about achievements

PROJECT

Build and install outdoor seating for the school.



SKILLS DEVELOPED



POTENTIAL OUTCOME

- Portfolio of real work
- Practical evidence of skills
- Confidence discussing achievements in interviews
- Better preparation for further education or employment

WHY THESE JOURNEYS MATTER

Every learner leaves with more than a completed project.

They leave with:

- ✓ Real experiences
- ✓ Real responsibilities
- ✓ Practical skills
- ✓ Personal growth
- ✓ A portfolio of evidence
- ✓ Stories they can confidently share in interviews and applications

LOOKING AHEAD

As Make & Grow grows, this slide will be replaced with:

- Real project photographs
- Learner testimonials
- School feedback
- Staff comments
- Parent testimonials
- Measured outcomes

This will become a powerful evidence base demonstrating the impact of the programme.



TODAY'S VISION. TOMORROW'S SUCCESS STORIES.



MEANINGFUL PROJECTS



NEW OPPORTUNITIES



BRIGHTER FUTURES



STRONGER COMMUNITIES



OUR VISION

Building the Future of Practical Education

Make & Grow Workshop was created with a simple belief:
every young person deserves the opportunity to succeed, regardless of how they learn.
Our vision is to help transform practical education by creating meaningful opportunities that build confidence, develop life skills and prepare young people for successful futures.



“ Our vision is a future where practical learning is recognised, respected and accessible to every young person. ”



A NATIONAL RESOURCE LIBRARY

We are building a comprehensive library of practical learning resources that will support:



Schools



SEND



Alt. Provision



Home Ed



Youth Orgs

Providing thousands of high-quality downloadable activities, practical workbooks and teaching resources.



ACCREDITED PRACTICAL QUALIFICATIONS

Developing qualifications that recognise genuine achievement through authentic projects rather than simulated classroom activities.

Helping learners build portfolios of real work they can proudly discuss in interviews, apprenticeships and future employment.



LONG-TERM SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Working alongside schools as trusted partners. Providing:

- ✓ Practical interventions
- ✓ School improvement projects
- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Curriculum enrichment
- ✓ Staff support
- ✓ Ongoing learner support

Building relationships rather than delivering one-off sessions.



SUPPORTING ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Expanding opportunities for learners who need a different approach.

- ✓ Alternative Provision
- ✓ SEMH
- ✓ EOTAS
- ✓ EBSA
- ✓ SEND
- ✓ Learners at risk

Helping more young people remain connected to education through practical learning.

NATIONAL RESOURCE LIBRARY

High-quality resources to inspire practical learning across the UK.

NATIONAL GROWTH

Growing our reach to become one of the UK's leading providers of practical education.

EMPLOYER LINKS

Connecting learners with the world of work, businesses and opportunities.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Creating inspiring outdoor spaces where learning comes alive.

THE MAKE & GROW VISION

Our roots keep us strong.

Our vision drives us forward.



PRACTICAL LEARNING



TRUST



SAFETY



CONFIDENCE



OPPORTUNITY

ACCREDITED QUALIFICATIONS

Recognising real achievement through authentic projects and skills.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Trusted partnerships that create lasting impact for learners and schools.

ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

Supporting more learners through practical, hands-on interventions.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Learners make a real difference in their schools and local communities.

LOOKING AHEAD

As Make & Grow grows, we aim to expand into:

- ✓ National practical resource library
- ✓ Accredited qualifications
- ✓ School partnerships across the UK
- ✓ Community improvement programmes
- ✓ Outdoor learning centres
- ✓ Holiday programmes
- ✓ Practical employability pathways
- ✓ Teacher training and CPD
- ✓ Research into practical education



THE BIGGER PICTURE

We don't simply want young people to build projects. We want them to build:



Confidence



Communication



Independence



Relationships



Employability



Better Communities



Better Futures

OUR VISION IN ONE SENTENCE

To help shape a future where practical learning is recognised as a powerful pathway to confidence, achievement and opportunity for every young person.



BUILDING SKILLS. BUILDING CONFIDENCE. BUILDING FUTURES.



One learner.



One project.



One opportunity at a time.



MAKE & GROW WORKSHOP

LET'S BUILD SOMETHING GREAT *Together*

Together, we can create practical learning opportunities that make a **lasting difference**.

Every young person deserves the opportunity to experience success, build confidence and develop the skills they need for the future.



SCHOOLS



Supporting schools with practical learning programmes that engage learners, enrich the curriculum and create lasting improvements to the school environment.

WE CAN HELP WITH:

- ✓ One-to-one interventions
- ✓ Small-group programmes
- ✓ Whole-school workshops
- ✓ Outdoor learning
- ✓ School improvement projects
- ✓ Curriculum enrichment
- ✓ Practical employability skills



Engaged learners.
Stronger outcomes.
Better environments.



ALTERNATIVE PROVISION



Providing flexible, personalised practical learning for learners who benefit from a different approach to education.

SUPPORTING:

- ✓ SEND
- ✓ SEMH
- ✓ EBSA
- ✓ Learners at risk of exclusion
- ✓ Re-engagement with education
- ✓ Positive progression pathways



Building confidence.
Rebuilding connections.
Creating new futures.



HOME EDUCATORS



Offering engaging practical workshops and downloadable resources that complement home education.

HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP:

- ✓ Practical skills
- ✓ Confidence
- ✓ Creativity
- ✓ Problem solving
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Independence



Practical learning.
Real skills.
Real experiences.



PARENTS



Supporting parents who want the best opportunities for their children through practical, hands-on learning.

WE CAN HELP WITH:

- ✓ Holiday workshops
- ✓ Weekend activities
- ✓ Fun, educational projects
- ✓ Building confidence
- ✓ Developing life skills
- ✓ Positive, screen-free experiences



Quality time.
New skills.
Happy, confident children.



LOCAL AUTHORITY



Partnering with Local Authorities to deliver high-quality, cost-effective practical education solutions that improve outcomes for young people.

WE CAN SUPPORT:

- ✓ Commissioned programmes
- ✓ EOTAS and outreach support
- ✓ Youth engagement projects
- ✓ Community regeneration
- ✓ Reducing exclusions
- ✓ Improving life chances



Stronger communities.
Better outcomes.
Brighter futures.



WHATEVER YOUR ROLE, WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE, BUILD SKILLS AND CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE.

Let's start a conversation about how Make & Grow Workshop can support you and the young people you work with.



GET IN TOUCH TODAY
to explore how we can build something amazing together!



PRACTICAL LEARNING
that makes a difference



CONFIDENCE
that lasts



SKILLS FOR LIFE
and work



STRONGER COMMUNITIES
for everyone



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MAKE & GROW
— WORKSHOP —



LET'S START THE CONVERSATION

Whether you're looking for a one-to-one intervention, practical workshops, downloadable resources or simply want to explore how Make & Grow could support your learners, we'd love to hear from you.

Every partnership starts with a conversation.

BUILD
LEARN
GROW
SUCCEED



Sean Kane
Founder & Workshop Lead

HOW WE CAN HELP

Practical learning that builds skills, confidence and brighter futures.

- One-to-one interventions
- Workshops & programmes
- Resource library & practical activities
- Outdoor learning & projects
- Skills for life and employment

WHY PARTNER WITH MAKE & GROW?



Practical Learning



Real-World Skills



Stronger Learners



Better Communities



Future Opportunities



Trusted Support



Lasting Impact



Building Brighter Futures

WE WORK WITH



Schools



Alternative Provision



Home Educators



Families



Local Authorities



Colleges & Training Providers

Practical learning. Real skills. Brighter futures.

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SCAN TO EXPLORE

Resources, programmes, workshops and partnership opportunities

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