

#### Leicestershire Partnership

## **ASPIRE** Newsletter

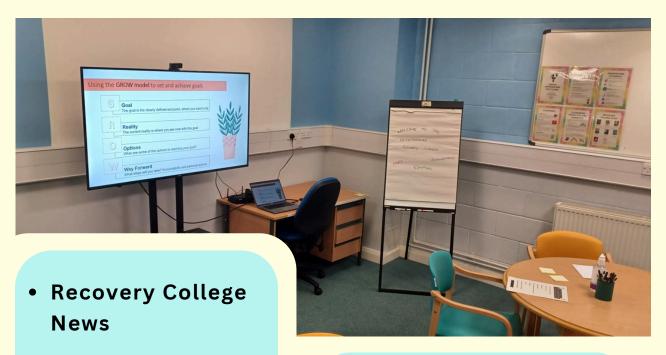
#### Leicestershire Recovery College



Newsletter! Leicestershire Recovery College

The college team have really enjoyed putting this newsletter together, and this term is full of exciting things! If you find this newsletter helpful, please share it. Or, if you have any information you would like us to feature in future editions, we would love to hear it in your feedback!

## Inside this Issue



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- Summer Courses in **Focus**
- Returning Courses
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#### **Autumn Term 2024 Prospectus Out Now!**

If you would like a copy of our Autumn Term Prospectus by email or by post, please contact us on; (0116) 295 1196 or

LPT.RecoveryCollege@NHS.Net



If you wish to attend a course or find out more information, please contact us:



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## Recovery College News

### Autumn Term 2024 Prospectus Out Now!

#### **Enrol Online!**

You can now enrol with the college online.

Scan the QR code:





#### **Journaling Club**

'Journaling is something I wanted to do regularly for a long time. The club has enabled me to build a habit and has really inspired me.'



#### It's Not About the Drawing

'·The Drawing is helping me tremendously . I find the Drawing is giving me more confidence.'



#### Mindfulness and Meditation Club

'These little half an hour sessions are amazing.'

## Access Peer Support at the Recovery College

At the Recovery College, we offer Peer Support to help you along your recovery journey.

Peer Support Workers are people who have their own lived experience of mental health conditions and are trained to support others in their recovery.

Working collaboratively, Peer Support Workers can help to identify techniques, resources and strategies that may be helpful to you in your journey, depending on your own individual aspirations.

They are passionate about supporting others in improving their health and wellbeing, so if you would like some additional support whilst attending the Recovery College, please feel free to get in touch and book some time in with our Peer Support Worker.

#### **Patient Experience and Involvement**

Here at the college, we work closely with the Patient Experience and Involvement team. If you would like to get involved or find out about involvement opportunities available to you as a network member, follow this link:

https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/involving-you/involving-you/

# Peer Support at the Recovery College

#### **What Can Our Peer Support Offer?**

At the Recovery College, we have a team of Peer Support Workers to help you along your recovery journey.

#### **Who are Peer Support Workers?**

Peer Support Workers are people who have their own lived experience of mental health conditions and are trained to support others in their recovery.



#### How can they help you?

Working together, Peer Support Workers can help to identify things that may be helpful to you in your journey that aligns with your goals.

#### What do Peer Support Workers Offer at the Recovery College?

#### Course Support

Before a course takes place, they can help you build confidence and help you attend.

During a course, they can offer support to you to help you engage with the course, or to engage with other students who are attending the course

#### **One-to-One Support**

E.g. support with wellbeing planning, sharing information about local groups and services Encouragement and empowerment to you as a student both inside and outside the Recovery College

If you would like some additional support whilst attending the Recovery College, you can book some time with a Peer Support Worker.

Contact us here at the Recovery College to find out more.

## Recovery College News New Courses!





Call or email us to find out more and sign up LPT.RecoveryCollege@nhs.net | 0116 295 1196







## CONNECTING WITH NATURE

Gain an insight and an appreciation into the links between environmental awareness and wellbeing

In this course, you will:

- Share current or past experiences of connecting with nature
- Explore the idea that any and all opportunities to increase connections to nature have merit
- Develop a plan for increasing connections with the natural environment



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## Returning Courses



If you wish to attend a course or find out more information, please contact us:





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#### **UNDERSTANDING MEDICATIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH**



This course aims to be responsive to those present on the day. You may ask a pharmacist any questions you have on the subject of medicines for mental health

You deserve to feel empowered and understand the medications in your life

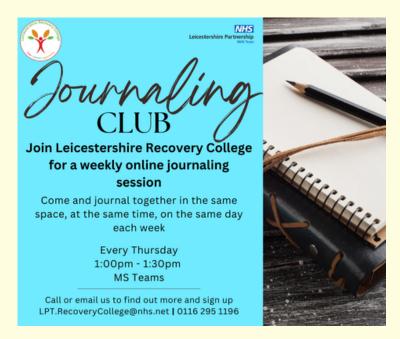
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## Weekly Drop-Ins

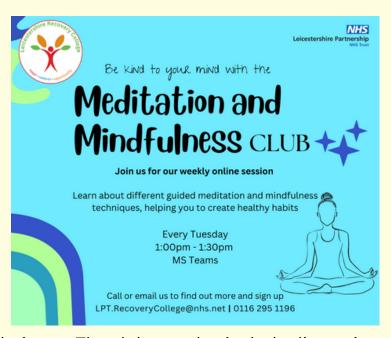


A weekly club to help create your journaling routine. Last term, we got together every week to connect, practice some mindfulness and journal from a prompt. This term we're back to do the same but on a Tuesday at 1pm, every week.

The sessions are relaxed and you're welcome to journal freely without using the given prompt. The session is yours to explore our thoughts, feelings and emotions. Doing it as

a group helps with motivation and building that sense of community. So why not come along and try it out?

Α weekly meditation and mindfulness club can be a great way to help improve your mental wellbeing. This club is to teach different guided meditations and mindfulness techniques that can be used in day-to-day life. The club will be for 30 minutes on a weekly drop-in basis, helping you to create the habit. We hope that by trying different guided techniques you will be able to find some that work for you. We will use popular



apps, YouTube and host written techniques. The club can also include discussion sessions, where students can share recommendations on mindfulness and meditation and other activities that can help to improve mental wellbeing.

If you wish to attend a course or find out more information, please contact us:





#### **SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!**

**AUGUST** 

#### Introduction to the Recovery College

Tuesday 27th August | 2pm - 3pm
Online via MS Teams

#### **Managing Emotions**

Tuesday 27th Aug & 3rd, 10th Sept | 10am - 12pm Online via MS Teams

#### **Dealing with Worries**

Wednesday 28th August | 1pm - 3pm
Online via MS Teams

#### Open Day

Thursday 29th August | 10am - 2pm Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

Introduction to It's Not About the Drawing
Friday 30th August | 10am - 12pm
Online via MS Teams & Atkins Building,
Hinckley

#### **Connecting With Nature**

Friday 30th August | 1pm - 3pm
Online via MS Teams











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#### SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!

#### SEPTEMBER

#### Gardening for Wellbeing Drop Ins\*

Monday 2nd & 16th September | 1.30pm -3:30pm

A Place to Grow, Enderby, LE19 4LX

#### **Building Confidence in the Use of Microsoft Teams**

Monday 2nd September | 11am - 11.45am Online via MS Teams

#### Involvement Opportunities within LPT

Wednesday 4th September | 2pm - 3.30pm Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

#### Understanding and Living with Psychosis and Schizophrenia

Thursday 5th September | 10am - 2pm Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

#### Sleep and Wellbeing

Monday 9th September | 10am - 12pm Online via MS Teams

#### **Humour for Recovery**

Thursday 12th, 19th, 26th Sept & 3rd, 10th, 17th Oct | 10.30am - 12.30pm

Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

#### Recovery Goals: Reflect and Reset

Friday 13th September | 1pm - 4pm Online via MS Teams

#### Introduction to Recovery

Tuesday 17th, 24th Sept & 1st, 8th, 15th Oct | 10am - 12pm

Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

#### **Keeping Tab of Costs**

Friday 20th, 27th Sept & 4th Oct | 10am - 12pm Wigston

#### Journaling with Mindfulness and Meditation

Monday 23rd September | 1.30pm - 3.30pm Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

#### Cook, Meet and Eat

Wednesday 25th Sept & 2nd, 9th, 16th Oct | 10am - 12.30pm

**Enderby Adult Learning Service, LE19 4PG** 

#### Houseplants for Wellbeing

Monday 30th Sept | 1pm - 3pm Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

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#### **SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!**

**OCTOBER** 

#### **Managing Anxiety**

Wednesday 2nd & 9th Oct | 1.30pm - 3:30pm
Online via MS Teams

#### 5 Ways to Wellbeing

Monday 7th October | 10am - 12pm
Online via MS Teams

#### Understanding Medications for Mental Health

Friday 11th October | 10am - 12pm
Online via MS Teams

#### Introduction to Emotional Mindfulness

Tuesday 15th October | 2pm - 4pm Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

#### It's Not About the Drawing

Monday 14th October | 1pm - 3pm
Online via MS Teams & Phoenix House, Melton



#### **Knead to Chat**

Friday 18th October | 9.30am - 12.30pm Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

#### **LPT Employment Support Services**

Monday 28th October | 10am - 12pm Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

#### It's Not About the Drawing

Monday 28th October | 1pm - 3pm
Online via MS Teams





#### **October**

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#### SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!

#### **NOVEMBER**

#### Understanding Medications for Mental Health

Friday 1st November | 10am - 12pm
Online via MS Teams

#### Learn to Surf: An Introduction to Emotional Mindfulness

Friday 1st & 8th November | 1pm - 4pm Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

#### Houseplants for Wellbeing

Monday 4th November | 1pm - 3pm Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

#### **Writing for Self Expression**

Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th November | 1pm - 3pm Online via MS Teams

#### Understanding and Living with Psychosis and Schizophrenia

Thursday 7th November | 9.30am - 11.30am
Online via MS Teams

#### Managing your Money

Friday 8th, 15th & 22nd November | 10am - 12pm Online via MS Teams

#### **Dealing with Worries**

Monday 11th November | 10am - 12pm
Online via MS Teams

#### Involvement Opportunities within LPT

Thursday 14th November | 10.30am - 12pm Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

#### Introduction to Emotional Mindfulness

Wednesday 20th November | 1pm - 3pm
Online via MS Teams

#### Singing for Wellbeing

Wednesday 20th November | 10am - 12pm Market Harborough Leisure Centre

#### **Empowering you for Employment**

Thursday 21st November | 10am - 1pm Phoenix House, Melton

#### **Managing Stress**

Friday 29th Nov & 6th, 13th Dec | 10am - 12pm
Online via MS Teams

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SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER** 

#### It's Not About the Drawing

Friday 15th November | 1pm - 3pm
Online via MS Teams & Leicestershire Recovery
College, LE1 3RF

#### It's Not About the Drawing

Monday 25th November | 1pm - 3pm
Online via MS Teams

#### Winter Wellbeing Workshop

Monday 2nd December | 1pm - 2.30pm
Online via MS Teams

#### Introduction to Arts in Mental Health

Tuesday 3rd December | 10am - 12pm Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

#### Open Day

Wednesday 4th December | 10am - 2pm Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

#### It's Not About the Drawing

Monday 9th December | 1pm - 3pm
Online via MS Teams & Leicestershire Recovery
College, LE1 3RF

#### **Connecting with Nature**

Wednesday 11th December | 10am - 12pm
Online via MS Teams

#### **Recovery College Christmas Celebration**

Thursday 19th December | 1pm - 3pm
Online via MS Teams

#### Understanding Medications for Mental Health

Friday 20th December | 10am - 12pm
Online via MS Teams

#### **Recovery College Christmas Celebration**

Friday 20th December | 1pm - 3pm Leicestershire Recovery College, LE1 3RF

#### December

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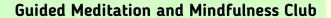
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### Autumn Courses

#### **OUR CLUBS AND DROP INS!**

#### **Journaling Club**

Every Thursday | 1pm - 1.30pm Online via MS Teams



Every Tuesday | 1pm - 1:30pm Online via MS Teams

#### It's Not About the Drawing

Monday 9th September | 1pm - 3pm Online via MS Teams

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Monday 14th October | 1pm - 3pm Online via MS Teams & Phoenix House, Melton

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#### It's Not About the Drawing

Monday 28th October | 1pm - 3pm Online via MS Teams

#### It's Not About the Drawing

Monday 25th November | 1pm - 3pm Online via MS Teams

Feel free to come and join us for our chilled out, optional drop in clubs!

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## Brain Break

#### Taking a moment for yourself...

Self-care techniques and general lifestyle changes can help manage the symptoms of many mental health problems. They may also help prevent some problems from developing or getting worse. Allowing yourself time for therapeutic activities, is a form of self-care. Take a 'brain break' with us by trying out these activities, puzzles and quizzes.

#### Dingbats! Find the hidden meaning

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#### Can You Answer this Riddle?

What question can you never answer yes to?

#### **Stroop Effect Test! Train the Brain**

#### Say the Color of each Word!

How Fast can you say it?

black white yellow green red blue yellow red black green white red white green red black yellow greer black white yellow green red blue white green red black yellow greer yellow red black green white red white green red black yellow green

#### Can you Escape the Maze?



#### Word Association

Find a word that associates with the following set of words:

- a) Cake, Swiss, Cottage
- b) Glasses, Screen, Day
  - c) Cream, Cube, Cap
- d) Runner, Broad, Baked

1.1 understand, 2. 1st in the Queue, 3. Turned up nose, 4. Cornerstone, Riddle: 'Are you asleep yet? a) Cheese, b) Sun, c) Ice, d) Bean

## Brain Break

#### Create your own Zentangle!

There are many mental health benefits to zentangling, including:

Reducing anxiety symptoms

Increasing Self-compassion

Calming the mind

Stress relieving

So, why not have a go at creating your own zentangle?

Scan the QR code to find out how to make a zentangle if you're unsure!

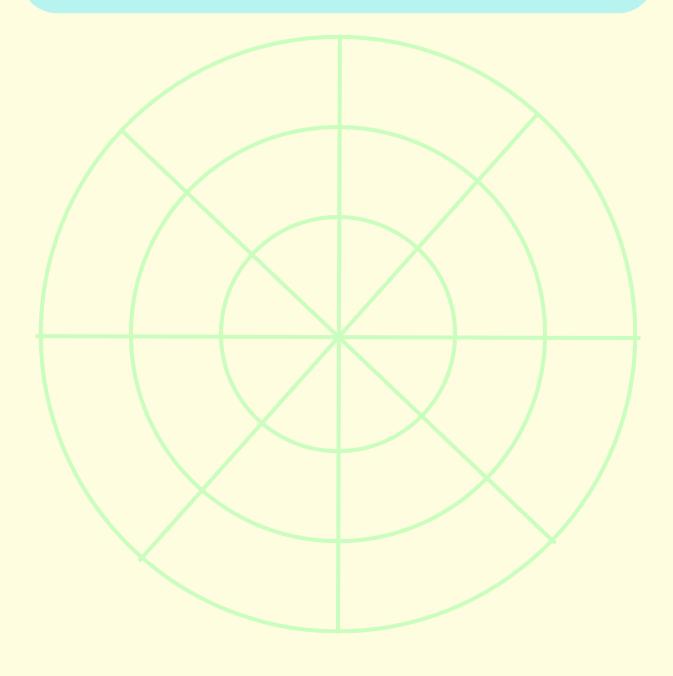
## Brain Break

#### Create your own Mandala!

There are many mental health benefits to mandala art, including: Promote sleep Reduce Stress Ease Depression

This is an accessible and affordable way to take some time for yourself and be compassionate to your mind If you're unsure how to create a mandala, follow the QR code!





## How to Access the Recovery College



#### **ENROL WITH US**

If you are over 18 years of age, are accessing Leicestershire Partnership Mental Health services, are a Carer, Relative or Friend of someone who does, or are a LPT Staff Member and would like to attend a course, you will first need to enrol as a student with the college.

It's really simple, you can enrol:
Online: www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/leicestershirerecovery-college/
By Phone: 0116 295 1196

By Email: LPT.RecoveryCollege@nhs.net

We will then contact you to complete your Individual Learning Plan (ILP) with you and book you on to the course(s) which you feel may help you most with your recovery journey.

Within the learning plan there is an opportunity to discuss any learning support needs you may have, from an educational or mental health perspective. We will then do everything we can to support you.

#### **Connect With Us On Social Media!**

Join us on Facebook, search; LPT Leicestershire Recovery College You can follow us on X (Twitter), search; @recoverycollege We finally have an Instragram! LPTrecoverycollege

## Meet the Team!

When enrolling at the Recovery College or attending one of our courses you may have spoken to, or seen one of our members of the team. We would like to introduce you to all of our team members!



**Marie**Recovery and CoProduction Lead



**Kate** Operational Manager



**Sam** Deputy Manager



**Jamie** Peer Support Worker



**Jess** Administrator



**Meesha** Administration Assistant



**Hina** Volunteer Tutor



**Gemma** Peer Support Worker



**Wendy** Volunteer Tutor



**Will** Volunteer Tutor



**Priscilla**Volunteer



**Louise** Volunteer



**Kerri** Volunteer



**Helen** Student Representative



**Ally** Student Representative



## INCLUSIVITY AWARENESS

Here at the college we work very hard to try and accommodate for everyone's needs - disabilities, neurodivergence's and otherwise.

We have been privileged enough to be granted funding for sensory items by Raising Health in order to aid students with concentration, anxiety and feelings of inclusion.

Additionally, we offer a wide variety of coloured paper and accommodations for those who suffer with dyslexia, as well as supplying students who attend our journaling and drawing course with the equipment they need!

We continue to grow as a college, both in terms of courses and inclusivity, and we are always looking to improve our student's experience with us!







## Out Of Hours Courses

Find further support for your mental health and wellbeing



Recovery College Online provide a range of online educational courses and resources to people who might be struggling with mental health issues, families, friends, mental health workers and anyone else who might be interested in learning more about mental health and wellbeing





GoLearn! offer a range of courses for adults available both in the daytime and evening across Leicestershire. Search GoLearn Leicestershire to view their courses over the coming months





The Open University offer a range of free courses aimed to develop and strengthen your knowledge. Study subjects such as Business, Psychology, History, Languages, Computing, and many more using this free service

### Resources

#### Find further support for your mental health and wellbeing



#### Joy

Helping the community find help & support across Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland www.services.thejoyapp.com/



#### **VitaMinds**

Access Talking Therapy Service 0330 094 5595 www.vitahealthgroup.co.uk/nhs-services/nhs-mental-health



#### **Get Self Help**

Cognitive Behaviour Therapy Resources www.getselfhelp.co.uk



#### LPT NHS Website-Mental Health Support

Find information and support for your mental health www.leicspart.nhs.uk/mental-health/



#### Mental Health Central Access Point

Anyone needing mental health support for themselves or others can call this service on 0808 800 3302, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



#### NHS 111 or 999

Call 111 for physical, medical and mental health issues www.111.nhs.uk/



#### Neighbourhood Mental Health Cafés

Local support for people who need help with their mental health www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/crisis-cafes

### Resources

Please get in touch for access to booklets on a range of mental health difficulties

Designed and Developed by Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, booklets include:

- Abuse
- Alcohol and You
- Anxiety
- Bereavement
- Controlling Anger
- Depression and Low Mood
- Domestic Violence
- Eating Disorders
- Food for Thought
- Health Anxiety
- Hearing Voices
- Obsessions and Compulsions
- Panic
- Post Traumatic Stress
- Postnatal Depression
- Borderline Personality Disorder
- Self Harm
- Sleeping Problems
- Social Anxiety
- Stress

Leicestershire Recovery College have also developed our own booklets, including:

- Gardening for Wellbeing
- GROW Model for Goal Setting
- Journaling for Wellbeing
- Anxiety
- Low Mood
- Sleep



BSL Friendly:



Scan the QR Code to take you to the resources online!



## Stay Connected!

#### We'd love to hear from you!

Would you like to hear from the Recovery College more often? Joining our marketing list is easy!

You will receive our newsletter, monthly course posters, information about our informal drop-in session, College Coffee and more.

To join the marketing list please email LPT.Recoverycollege@NHS.Net or call 0116 295 1196.

#### **Our Partners**

Leicestershire Recovery College courses and workshops are delivered by the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust in partnership with:

















Royal Literary Fund

















## Getting in Touch



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