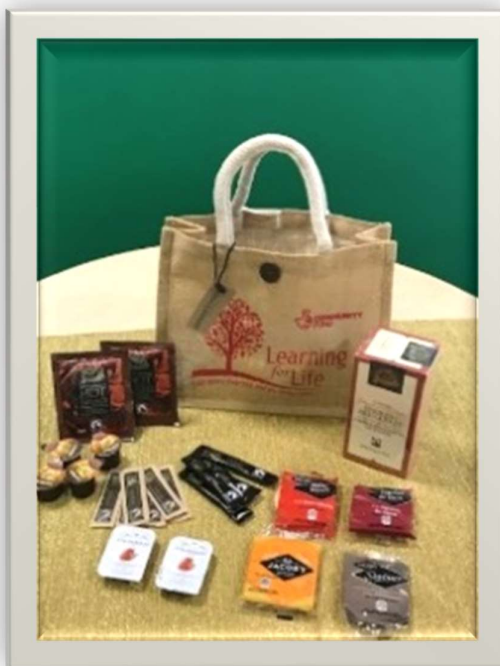
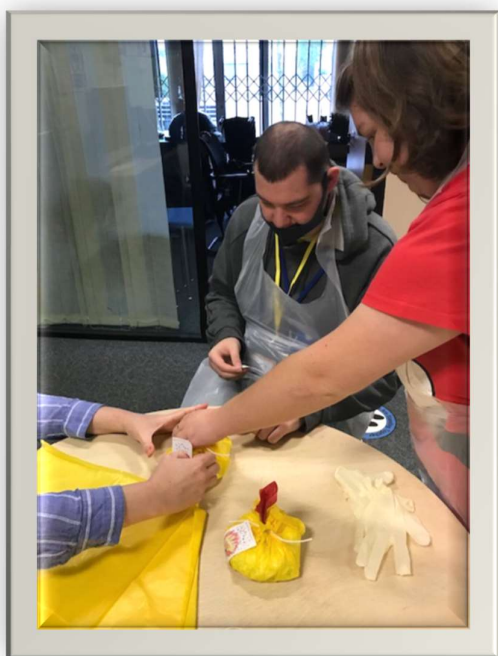




Enterprise and Community Action at Learning for Life

At Learning for Life one of our main priorities is to prepare our learners for adult life and especially the world of work. Through our Enterprise Curriculum, and a number of high-profile projects, learners are able to engage with working life and develop the skills needed to thrive as an independent adult in today's world.

From making and selling 'Bonfire Bagels' at Halloween, to preparing 'Tea Bags' full of delicious goodies for those people in our local community who found it most difficult during the early days of the Coronavirus, learners strive to provide an excellent service and to do their best. We delivered over 250 'Tea Bags' to local care homes and individual people. Learners planned and purchased the items for the bags, designed a flyer, packed the bags, quality checked them, and then delivered them.

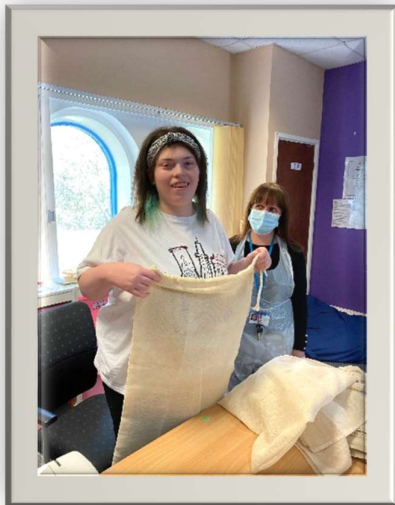


This was a fantastic opportunity to develop skills for the workplace, as well as life skills, such as working together, helping each other, problem solving, engaging with other people, patience, communication skills, independence, concentration, reliability and resilience. It also helped to

develop learners' self-esteem and self-confidence, and their view of themselves as adults able to make a valuable contribution to the world.

One of the recipients of a 'Tea Bag', a widower of 85, wrote that he was 'astounded and delighted' by his gift. He continued 'after looking through the amazingly heart-warming contents, the bag is now put ready to be opened and appreciated on Christmas Day. I never dreamed that such a generous thing could happen, and I wish everyone involved in the project everything that is good'.

It is very important to us, at Learning for Life, that our young people value our world and learn to care for it. Through one of our recent projects, 'Waste Not Want Not', learners have engaged with the issue of plastic providing every learner with a bamboo toothbrush, and a leaflet explaining why it is important to say 'no' to plastic. Learners then made recycled wooden stands so that water dripping off the toothbrush would water a small plant! Again, learners worked together to achieve a goal, but also learned new skills, some using tools such as the screwdriver for the first time.



Learners have also made unbleached cotton wash bags to stop particles of plastic from leaving the washing machine and grown organic plants and flowers to encourage bees and butterflies.

Learning for Life is also a crisp packet recycling centre for the local community. This is a long term project, set up and run entirely by learners, teaching them to take responsibility, to do a good job, and to foster the qualities of consistency and reliability so much needed in the adult world.