



MacIntyre

Providing support...your way

MacIntyre in Warrington



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MacIntyre was founded in 1966 by the parents of a child with a learning disability. Today MacIntyre provides learning, support and care for more than 1,400 children, young people and adults who have a learning disability and/or autistic people.

Our Vision

Is for all people with a learning disability to live a life that makes sense to them. We are proud of our past and ambitious for the future.

Our Mission

We will support a sense of wellbeing through a celebration of each person's unique gifts, talents and contributions, the quality of our relationships and ensuring the promotion of real opportunities to connect with others.

Our Purpose

People who draw on MacIntyre's support have gloriously ordinary lives, living the life they choose, using their gifts, skills and passions to contribute and connect to the people in their local neighbourhood. MacIntyre invests in, and helps shape, neighbourhoods to be inclusive and welcoming spaces for everyone.

The MacIntyre DNA is the way that we talk about the essence of MacIntyre.

Sarah Burslem, CEO

Our values, defined in the MacIntyre DNA, are shaped by our founder Ken Newton Wright's visionary belief in "the learning potential of people with learning disabilities, their value as individuals, their right to equality and their importance to society".

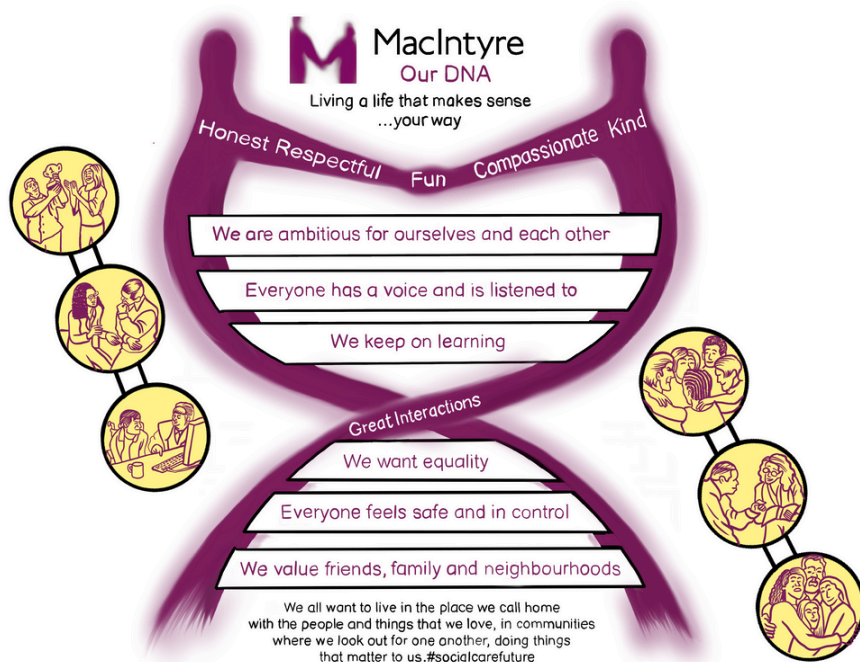
MacIntyre at a glance



MacIntyre in Warrington

We offer support for

- Lifelong Learning for adults aged 19+
- Adults to live in their own home
- Adults to live with others as a Shared Lives programme
- Great Communities



For Adults

People who draw on MacIntyre's support will live gloriously ordinary lives, living the life they choose, using their gifts, skills and passions to contribute and connect to the people in their local neighbourhood.

“We all want to live in the place we call home, with the people and things that we love, in communities where we look out for each other, doing the things that matter to us.”

Social Care Future

Across Warrington, MacIntyre is rated 'Outstanding' with the Care Quality Commission.

MacIntyre offers a range of accommodation and support options for adults with learning disabilities and/or autistic people in Warrington. We spend time getting to know people's ambitions and aspirations and ensure everyone has choice and control over their lives.

We put people at the heart of everything we do. MacIntyre invests in, and helps shape, the areas in which people live, to be inclusive and welcoming spaces for everyone.

“People receiving support were overwhelmingly positive in their feedback regarding the service. They used words such as, "Excellent" and "very good" to describe the staff and support received.”

Latest CQC Report 2018

We are proud to work with like-minded individuals and organisations, including being part of the Social Care Future movement and a collaborative with five other not-for-profit organisations who are calling for change in social care, together known as 'More Than A Provider'.



Across England and Wales MacIntyre is commissioned by over 68 Councils and Clinical Commissioning Groups to deliver support and care to 776 adults, 173 in Warrington, including 73 Shared Lives. We also connect with 172 people Great Communities

We have developed a detailed Adult Social Care Workplan (2024–26) that sets out our areas of focus under our five threads:

- People
- Sustainability
- Workforce
- Best Practice
- Compliance



“I don't see them as staff, they are more like family, that's how we see them" and" She has a wonderful life, they could not be with anybody better, she is just one of the family

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Lifelong Learning - Connect, Learn, Grow

MacIntyre Lifelong Learning is more than somewhere to go! It's linking with people's gifts and skills to help people have days full of connections and purpose.

Our Lifelong Learning programmes offer a range of opportunities for people to continue to learn new skills and have new experiences. We use every interaction to help each other learn more about life, to communicate, to feel safe and part of something purposeful.



We work closely with each person to deliver outcome-focused support, using person centred approaches to set goals, deliver learning, support and to review and record achievements.

Some of the things to do...

- Pottery
- Art
- Music
- Drama
- Walking
- Sports
- IT
- Yoga
- Cookery
- Life skills
- Duke of Edinburgh

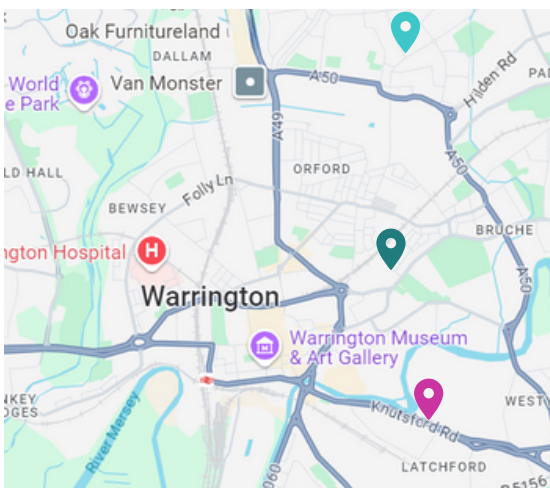


“It's where I see my friends”

“It's where I feel happy”

“The learning centre gives people the opportunity to achieve their goals, make life long friends and live a life we all want.
-Joanna Booth, Lifelong Learning Manager

“It's where I learned to sew”



Locations

MacIntyre Lifelong Learning offers a range of opportunities based at three sites:

- 📍 Orford Community Hub, WA2 9EW
- 📍 The Old School, WA1 3AJ
- 📍 New Routes Community Orchards, WA4 1DQ

New Routes

New Routes is a two acre site in Victoria Park with a polytunnel, raised beds, fruit orchard, woodwork cabin, education cabin and a healing garden. It's peaceful and full of activity at the same time!



At our New Routes site we focus on horticulture and wellbeing in a space that is peaceful and beautiful as well as full of activity;

"It's so much more than gardening! Welcome to a hidden gem of a place where we help each other and our plants to grow. A day at New Routes may be planting, tending and caring for plants. Or it may be focusing on your own wellbeing through creativity."

"Katy loves to learn how to do new things in the gardens and is very creative and loves to make the gardens look pretty with the flowers that she grows. Katy has brilliant ideas, all her hard work and creativity is showing in her polytunnel work right now. Much gratitude and appreciation to Katy for all that she achieves and creates in the gardens and for being a kind and thoughtful friend to everyone."

"The best thing is seeing how much a person develops from being shy and a bit lonely to finding their thing! Whether that's creating a newsletter or leading a Pokémon walk. We learn together and there's a purpose in what we do"

Out of hours.... we love to party!

Anyone can join our evening fun times, which include film club, bowling, meals out, retro gaming night and our incredible disco. These are a chance to spend time with friends and make new ones.

Check out our facebook page for what's happening and come and join in the fun



For Adults - Shared Lives

Shared Lives is a scheme which enables adults who need extra support to live as part of a family. What 'family' means varies. Sometimes it's a conventional two-parent family with children, sometimes it's a single person. Carers come from a wide variety of backgrounds and ages. The important thing is that the person needing support and the family are the right fit for each other.

Sometimes a person will live with the family full-time, sometimes they will be supported at the weekend, or for specific days.

Follow the QR code to hear from the people who signed up to Shared Lives or get in touch to find out more.



Shared Lives to me is a new chapter, fresh start, a new mixed family, new friends for me, so I have loads of people to talk to.

'It means I've made some new friends, and have lived with a loving family that has supported me through everything and that loves me.

Shared Lives to me is being matched with people who need a bit of extra support in life. Opening our doors to a safe, secure environment, where they can learn daily skills, become more independent, have a laugh.

My family has grown by 100% since I came into Shared Lives. as well as nice holidays I feel supported to do my dream, work on my goals; It's a lot of character building, and it's a laughing and giggling household, and I couldn't have it any better.



Great Communities, People and Purpose

Inspired by the real life experience of a person with a learning disability who became homeless, Great Communities is multi-layered; connecting people and working alongside local businesses and organisations to make Warrington a more inclusive place.

Taking a strengths based approach, we connect with people who are at risk of being in "the gap", people who don't access much social care support, often feeling lonely, isolated and without a purpose.

We find out about what people are good at and care about and through this process people start to see themselves as leaders, or agents for change. We talk about, what does Warrington need and look at how we can help others.

There are a number of regular groups, led by people with lived experience, that anyone locally is welcome to join. These include:

- Film club
- Retro gaming night
- Garden gang
- Art club
- Cycling social
- A public living room
- Friendship group

We connect around 150 people each month in with what's already happening , help people to develop spaces where they see a need and give back to their communities.

People who want to be involved can contact us through phone or social media and professionals can get in touch – we don't have a formal referral process and all are welcome.

To find out more get in touch!



MacIntyre in the Community

MacIntyre's Big Plan was co-produced and co-authored with people who draw on our support, their families and our staff teams. The Big Plan articulates an important question: "How can we all meet people near where we live to make things better for everyone?"

Our answer to this question is Everyone Everywhere. We know there are many MacIntyre people who are part of their local neighbourhoods and we know that good things happen when we connect with others around us.



Everyone Everywhere is about making these connections a more intentional part of our day-to-day, knowing and being known locally, challenging ourselves to do better and sharing stories to inspire each other.

"How Can We Help?" One of the key messages of Everyone Everywhere is about seeing ourselves, our organisation and the people who draw on our support as contributors to our local neighbourhoods. We know that when we help others, participate and get involved, we feel part of something wider and feel valued.

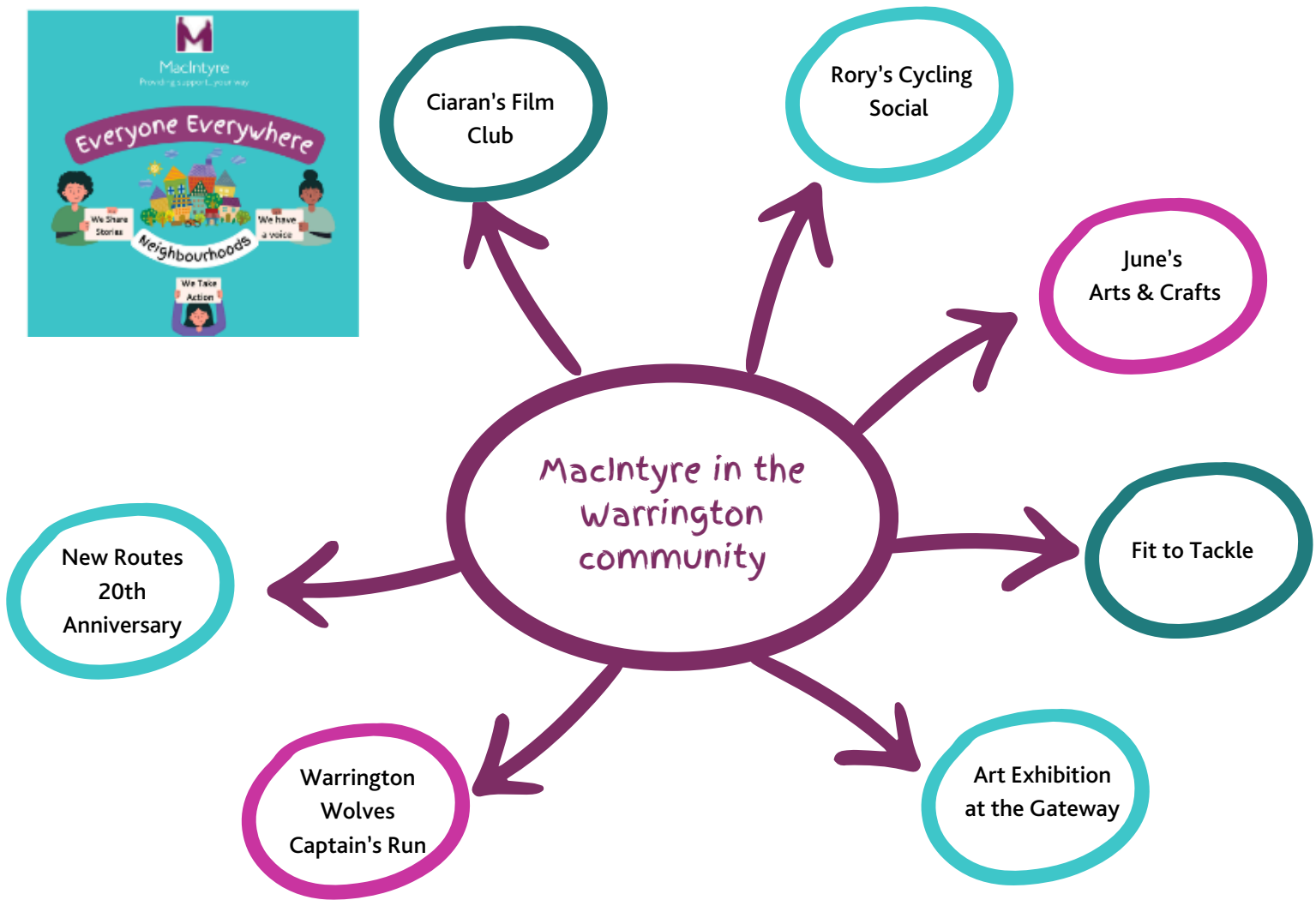
So how can we make Everyone Everywhere a reality? We are asking our staff and people who draw on MacIntyre's support to find out what's happening locally; to identify one thing they are interested in, then go and find out more.

Mike and Richard are involved with the local Garden Project in Warrington. Here's what they say:

"My favourite job is always planting new seeds and plants and I have my own grow bed now with my name on a plaque so I can grow anything I want to."

"I like building new things and seeing how much the project has developed over the past couple of years since we started. We have brightened up the old run-down area as a focal point at the old school now."

MacIntyre in the Warrington Community



We know it's not just people who come to the learning centre who are artistic and we wanted to give people the chance to showcase their work, so earlier this year, we took over the Gateway for a couple of weeks to – our staff and people who connect to MacIntyre as volunteers and through Great Communities as well.

-Joanna Booth, Lifelong Learning Manager

“
How can we help?
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Meet Russell.

Recently, Russell spoke about suffering and recovering from a stroke for an article as part of Stroke Awareness Month.

He was very proud to present his story to his friends at Warrington Speak-up and to the people and staff that live and work in his house.

Russell has also been actively involved with supporting a recruitment drive for MacIntyre in Warrington. He attended a careers drop-in community event to talk about his day-to-day life. He described his life experience before and after being supported by MacIntyre, and the positive difference his MacIntyre staff team has made.

Russell also meets new recruits during their induction in Warrington and at the most recent session spoke about his passion for music and film, and presented his knowledge of music and film statistics during a Q&A with the new recruits.

Russell has now extended his work in the community even further. We connected with the Health and Social Care team at Warrington and Vale Royal College and were invited to do a talk and Q&A session with the Year One students.

Russell spoke passionately about how happy he is and what a 'gloriously ordinary life' looks like for him. He also addressed perceptions of what social care is through his experience and the positive relationship he has with the staff who support him and his house-mate.

The session was so successful that Russell has been asked to attend at the college again to talk to the second year students. Russell is so positive about engaging with others in his community and helping people to understand exactly what 'good' looks like when it comes to Social Care.

Hello I'm June, I'm 29 and live in my own place in Warrington. I'm supported by Macintyre's Shared Lives programme who have helped me with everything in life and even helped me move house this year and buy some furniture for my new place.

Together we deliver an arts and crafts group at the Old School in Warrington. It's now called "June's Crafternoons" and is for anyone that likes arts and craft. I decided I wanted to do this as I love creative art and wanted to share my passion with other people - it's brilliant and a nice way to get people out of the house together.

We created a flyer to help start up the group and decided to do it monthly as a start-up. We also advertise this on Facebook and I have now created my own event page and share this with my friends on my own Facebook page.

I feel really happy to do this as it's a great way to bring new people together and I'm really pleased we now have Wing Wing and her mum Jenny who have joined the group after recently moving to Warrington from Hong Kong which I know is a different culture. Jackie also recently came to see the group from the NHS stroke rehab team. I was a little shocked that she wants to bring people that are recovering from illness to our group but I'm proud and happy to help contribute to their recovery.

Before I started the group I felt really secluded and not very social and unhappy. With help and support it expanded from just getting out and about again and meeting people to actually bringing people together and getting out and helping others. I definitely want to continue to contribute to the local community in the future and help more people with my group.



Our Staff

Our vision is to be bold, innovative and ambitious in our national and local recruitment activity, that supports new ways of working, so that together we are able to attract, recruit and retain the best skilled, engaged and dedicated workforce for today and for the future.

In 2023 we launched Humans of MacIntyre, a series of stories from our colleagues across the organisation, as well as recognise staff through Employee of the Month...

Joanna's Story

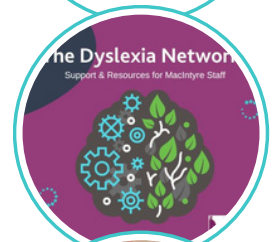
I started my MacIntyre Journey in 1980 at our very first site, in Bedfordshire. It was such an amazing place to work and the only one of its kind, at the time. MacIntyre became my home and where we were one big family.

I then moved to Warrington to help support people coming out of long stay hospitals, which was so rewarding in a completely different way.

For the past 20 years I have worked in, and become manager at, Lifelong Learning. I take pride in how the MacIntyre DNA still reflects our founder's vision. I have absolutely loved my journey so far, and hope both MacIntyre in Warrington and I will continue to grow on this fantastic adventure together.



MacIntyre Staff Networks and Recognition



MacIntyre Employee Pathway



Next Steps

Wondering how we could support you or your loved one?

Curious about working with us across Warrington?

Please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you!

In the meantime, follow us on Facebook: MacIntyreWarrington and For Great Communities follow on Facebook: grtcommunitieswarr

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