



Dovetail – Working with Wood Report

14 volunteers regularly volunteering

10 families supported

8 community groups supported.

8 volunteers have gain a qualification in woodwork

10 volunteers trained in green woodworking and Cob building skills

- Session were held to encourage a reuse and recycle ethos and promote healthy living through shared activities. These sessions were delivered to increase skills in team working, and improving numeracy and literacy through practical activities such as woodwork.
- Support revolves around confidence, mild mental ill-health and isolation. Support is intensive giving participants skills for self reliance.



- We have supported people on the autistic spectrum and those with learning difficulties, championing inclusiveness and accessibility for those in need of personal support.
- 12 people have gained a qualification in woodwork on an environmentally aware course, upcycling pallets.
- Through repurposing pallets, useful items such as planters and shelving units have been made. The activities have promoted healthy living and developed involvement in horticulture as an indirect outcome.
- 4 people received training from Tir Coed (specialist trainer in environmentally sound practices) in green woodworking methods.



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- A group of approximately 12 people are involved in learning Roundwood timber framing and a trainer from the Workers Cooperative Ty Pren has spent 4 days teaching volunteers skills in green woodwork to build in a low carbon way that is sustainable. Timber has been donated by Walters Arena for us to build with. The group are constructing a roundhouse/ pergola for use as a workshop and outdoor learning space which will be used by the community.



- The project encourages the understanding of how embodied energy in buildings can be reduced by using materials from the immediate area using sustainable replaceable building materials available in the locality. This promotes a greater respect for the area and energy use. The participants have been encouraged to reflect on the surrounding environment and the potential for alternative low impact building methods.



- The support provided covers a wide range of ages and allows for intergenerational work with skills and knowledge being passed on. Many informal skill share lessons were generated in the middle of sessions as people contributed to the task.
- An activity was held for families to try their hand at green woodworking making bird feeders.
- A solar power workshop was held in order to demonstrate the system made by volunteers and to impart these skills to others.
- The group is setting up a 'Men's Shed' group in partnership with Cwm Ni Iach, Mental Health Project, funded by Big Lottery and Men's Shed Cymru. This is being developed and will hopefully become a constituted group able to access funding through "Big Lottery Awards for All" fund.

