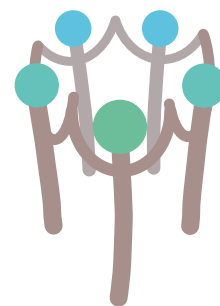


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Frame of Mind

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Theresa Bates recently passed the Fine Art Guild Commended Framer test and is now an accredited Guild Commended Framer. (GCF)



Frame of Mind (Vocational Training) is a Community Interest Company set up in October 2006 which works in association with the Sussex Partnership NHS Trust.

Initially formed after the closure of the Community Integrated Care Centre in Bosham, Frame of Mind is now an independent social business. This is thanks to the endeavour of Theresa and Ian Bates who have been working hard over the last 18 months to ensure the services which were based in Bosham are developed further for mental health/learning disability service users in the county.

From their leased premises at Arun Business Park (on the outskirts of Bognor Regis), Frame of Mind offers the following services:

- A bespoke quality framing service
- An individually tailored training scheme which can last up to 2 years and is open to adults with mental health/learning disabilities.



Skills developed whilst on the training programme include:

- Communication
- Customer services & administration
- Measuring
- Mount board cutting
- Glass cutting
- Hinging & sandwiching
- Moulding & underpinning
- Final assembly

Frame of Mind now has 17 users with space for 7 more. Trainees are unpaid, but there are supported work placements available for trainees as they progress through the training scheme. Referrals come largely from the Community Health Team and local doctors.

As well as bespoke framing, Frame of Mind is looking to secure contracts with universities and colleges to offer framing for certificates. The business is currently promoting itself through leaflet distribution and its website.

Current clients include:

- Mental Health service users
- NHS Trust
- Local artists
- Local residents
- Local companies

Other ideas in the pipeline include working with schools to set up exhibitions of pupils' work – framed, of course!

Stop Press:

Congratulations to Frame of Mind on winning the Arun Business Partnership 'Business in the Community' award in October 2007, and the West Sussex Social Enterprise Innovation Award in December 2007.

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