



Welcome to Beannachar.



An introduction

Beannachar Camphill Community

For over 40 years Beannachar has offered young adults a safe, nurturing and vibrant programme in an 'intentional community', and the opportunity to participate in meaningful work with their peers.

Beannachar is a Camphill Community which provides a transition service for school leavers who have learning support needs aged between 18 and 32 years. We can cater for up to 20 residential places and provide an additional 16 day placements for those who wish to access our day programme.

A 'Therapeutic Community' practicing 'Social Pedagogy'

All young people need to have the chance to find themselves and their place in society. The challenges of young adulthood are even greater in this respect for those with learning support needs because of their limited access to learning and development opportunities in the wider community. We are an 'intentional community', set up specifically to provide the security, acceptance and belonging which are necessary foundations for personal growth and development, and complement this with meaningful work and a lively and stimulating social and cultural life. In doing so our aim is to provide stepping stones to greater integration and involvement, and to enhance the future prospects of young people in their life choices.



Work

'Meaningful Work' is the key concept and practice of our day programme. This means that we all, staff and students, contribute to the daily work needs of Beannachar in the houses, on the estate, garden and farm, and in our skill-based craft workshops. Meaningful work means that if you don't do it, someone else will have to, and it offers a sense of achievement, pride and belonging that simple 'activities' cannot replicate.



The human need to contribute, be part of a greater whole, be recognised and appreciated for your own contribution is a basic human right. This is why Beannachar emphasises meaningful work!



Social and Cultural Life

All healthy and wholesome lifestyles involve being with others, in particular with one's peers, and experiencing and being part of uplifting activities together. At Beannachar, our foundation for this is based on having all meals together in our houses as social occasions. Each house also provides evening activities where students and staff participate in sports, games, dance and exercise, birthday parties and weekend outings to the cinema, theatre or concerts. In addition to these house-based activities, we celebrate as a whole community the main festivals of the Christian Year, and have daily gatherings for singing and sharing. All students also have the opportunity to go on group holidays with their peers in May or June each year.



A Camphill Community

As with other Camphill Communities, locally, nationally and internationally, we practice 'Life-sharing in an intentional community'. This means that many of our permanent staff live on-site, and we also host many young volunteers from abroad each year, who also live and work with us. So, alongside a strong 'community' feel to Beannachar, we are also proudly international!

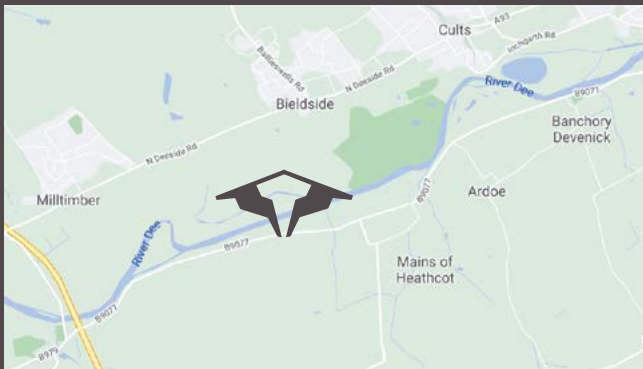
For those interested in joining us:

Prospective students - please contact us at transitions@beannachar.org for more information.

Employment or volunteering opportunities - please check our website below for current positions available.

Directions

Beannachar is located about one mile west of the Bridge of Dee on the South Deeside Road B9077. We are on a beautiful partly wooded estate featuring a 19th century mansion house overlooking the River Dee.



Please see our website for a more in-depth description of who we are and what we do:

beannachar.co.uk

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