

# 'The Hideaway' - Social Enterprise Cafe & Youth Hub

The Matrix Trust (Matrix) have provided a lifeline for vulnerable young people across Guildford Borough for 20 years. In schools, we provide developmental and mentoring support through one-to-one sessions, workshops and social activities. In communities, we partner with young people and community stakeholders to identify needs, and develop and provide safe spaces, positive activities and targeted community-based projects such as Youth Hubs, and social action opportunities.

Today we are on a mission to catalyse change for vulnerable and at-risk young people, helping them make the most of their lives by partnering with them to help remove barriers that prevent them from becoming active citizens in their community.



Central to the expansion of Matrix provision across Guildford, was the development of Allen House Pavilion, now called 'The Hideaway.'

**This is a central hub, housing a Social Enterprise Café employing at-risk young people and open to the local community during the day, a room for the community to hire and a Youth Café open each day after school.**

Set in a central park, this hub will have a transformational effect on the future sustainability of the charity and will connect vulnerable young people to positive and inspiring role models from their community, empowering and inspiring them to become active citizens in their community.

## **1. Social Enterprise Community Cafe**

This will raise funds for Matrix giving sustainability and growth to our work with young people Guildford and provide them with work certified training / qualifications and work experience.

## **2. Youth Café / Relational Hub**

A safe social hub for young people (11-18 year olds) open every day after school, will provide young people with a space to make friends, build relational connections with youth workers and cultivate vital social and emotional skills.

## **3. Revolution Room**

This space will be available to hire for creative activities, business meetings and exhibitions or pop up shops. It will also provide a space for innovative developmental opportunities connecting young people to their community, providing co-produced training opportunities to develop creative and life skills.

Through **The Hideaway** we will engage the community to provide a space where young people can develop the confidence and tools to navigate this complex and challenging world.

