

# About ECHO



**ECHO is the largest provider of innovative day opportunities for people with learning and other disabilities in Herefordshire.**

We believe that, with the right support, each person can achieve great things. ECHO concentrates on what people can do, rather than what they cannot.

ECHO Weavers, like most of ECHO's activities, is suitable for people with moderate or severe learning difficulties, but we will try to support anyone, including those with mental health difficulties and physical or sensory impairments.

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## Fundraise for ECHO

As a charity, ECHO relies on fundraising to help us keep activities running for really vulnerable adults in Herefordshire.

This is why we ask that if you benefit from our services, know someone who does or just agree that people with disabilities should be given a real chance in life, that you help us raise the funds we need to develop and grow.

By giving a regular monthly donation you can help us continue our vital support to people with learning and other disabilities in Herefordshire. Regular monthly donations help us plan because we know what income to expect month in and month out.

If you would like to support our work by giving a regular donation, you can either:

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you**  
from all of  
us at ECHO



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## ECHO Weavers



A weaving  
workshop  
producing quality  
handwoven goods

Michelle



*"I have enjoyed learning how to do pattern weaving for the cushions. We recycle old woollen jumpers, cutting them into strips and then weave them with handspun wool."*

The ECHO Weavers support each other and work very much as a team. Participants gain skills in:

- Warping and threading looms
- Different weaving techniques
- Design skills and colour awareness
- A variety of finishing off techniques
- Co-operation and team work
- Numeracy and literacy
- Customer service

*"What I enjoy making the most are circular mats. I choose colours that match my dresses. The great thing about weaving is being able to make beautiful things from scratch."*

Steph



Practical encouragement, support, and tuition is provided by an experienced weaving tutor, supported by volunteers who all come with some weaving knowledge and experience.

The ECHO Weavers welcome visitors to the workshop on a Friday as this provides an opportunity for them to demonstrate their skills and sell finished products as well as take orders and commissions. Participants in turn benefit from this interaction with increased confidence and self-esteem.

At ECHO Weavers, participants learn to weave on a wide variety of looms, from simple card and inkle looms to four-shaft table and floor looms. Weavers are involved in the whole creative process, from making the warp and threading the loom, designing and weaving the individual pieces, to knotting, plaiting and finishing off.

Using mainly natural yarns and recycled materials, quality goods are produced for sale in the ECHO shop and at craft fairs and galleries.

Commissions are also undertaken, and the weavers enjoy making things to order.

*"I love being part of the weaving group. I like being with my friends and I like seeing people who come to watch us work in the ECHO workshop."*

Vicki



Fran

