

# 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.

Studio Mirai, 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.

### Find Studio Mirai:

Bridge Street Workshop,

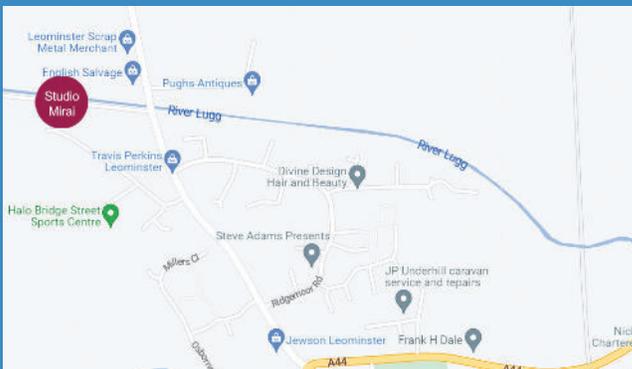
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## Fundraise for ECHO

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 the work of ECHO by fundraising or donating, you can either:

### Go to:

[www.echoherefordshire.org.uk](http://www.echoherefordshire.org.uk)

and click the **DONATE** button on the front page

### Contact our office:

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Thank you from all of us at ECHO



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## Studio Mirai



A social enterprise selling upcycled and restored furniture

Helen

*"I've learned new skills like using a plane and a drill, marking out and sawing wood. It's hard work but I love it. I made my own toolbox that I use every day."*



People who attend enjoy a wide range of practical activities which teach them new skills such as:

- basic woodworking methods
- upcycling techniques
- restoration processes
- decorative painting and finishing techniques
- retailing and marketing skills
- customer service
- numeracy and literacy.

*"The staff teach me to sand and paint furniture and use the tools safely. We make lots of kindling, splitting the wood, cutting it to size and then selling it."*

Studio Mirai is a social enterprise selling upcycled and restored furniture, as well as wooden products produced by people with learning disabilities.

The project makes and sells a variety of hand crafted, upcycled and restored items through retail spaces within the Retro Station in Leominster and at the workshop. As most pieces of furniture and timber are donated, this helps the environment by reducing landfill.

Private commissions are undertaken for clients who require furniture to be repaired, restored or upcycled.

Louis



Instruction is provided by experienced and skilled staff members as well as support from a team of volunteers who all bring something different to the project in terms of their experience and specific skill sets. All necessary safety and protective equipment is provided.

Visitors are frequent both to view the workshop activities and to purchase items from the shop, so this project also enables participants to meet a large number of different people and to help them with their requirements.

*"We work as a team and all feel proud when a piece of furniture is restored and ready to sell. It's a friendly place to work and we all get on well."*



Steve

Richard

