

Wolverhampton students prepare for walk-athon to raise funds



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Students at Wolverhampton's Skills For Life are preparing to take part in a sponsored walk-athon to raise money so they can go on a trip.

Skills For Life is part of Accord Housing Association, and provides education to people over the age of 16 who have learning disabilities. Students who attend are either self-funded or funded by social services, and the tutors would like to take them on a trip outside of Wolverhampton or Birmingham.

To do this the students have decided to take part in a walk-athon on July 1, to raise the money to cover the cost of their transport to their chosen destination, which is yet to be confirmed.

The walk-athon will see the students complete as many laps as they can of the field opposite Skills For Life's base at Showell Court in Low Hill, Wolverhampton.

The students have set up a Go Fund Me, and are asking people to sponsor them ahead of the walk-athon so they can raise funds towards their trip. To donate visit: <https://bit.ly/2K7JLjT>

Donna Beddard, Tutor at Skills For Life said: "The students came up with the idea to do the walk-athon, so we can go on a trip to somewhere like Stratford-Upon-Avon or London.

"We go on many trips with the students, but we tend to keep them local as we rely on public transport. The students have expressed an interest in going a bit further afield, but we'd need to hire a mini bus or coach.

"They've all been training so hard, and getting themselves prepared for the walk-athon. Every time someone completes a lap we will mark their scorecard, so we can keep track of how far everyone has walked.

âWeâve also said that if the weather is nice we will have a BBQ back at Showell Court and a bit of a celebration after the walk-athon has been completed.â

Skills for Life is an independent college, and was developed to enable adults with learning disabilities and/or mental health needs to move from dependent lifestyles to a more independent way of living.

Activities promote independent living skills, and aim to develop studentsâ existing skills and teach them new skills to promote independence.
