



# DEVELOPING NEW ROUTES TO SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT

*Organic Routes* is an exciting new project developed through a partnership between Natureworks/Organic Blooms and the NHS - Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust and South Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust.

It aims to work with 24 people, who have been receiving secondary mental health services, over 2 growing seasons (May 2010 – October 2011) to:

- offer vocational and work readiness assessments
- provide industry specific training and work experience
  - support people into employed roles
- support people (and employers) to retain jobs



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Four of these paid roles will be within the Social Enterprise Organic Blooms. These posts were successfully recruited in May 2010.

These posts will help to build the capacity and viability of Organic Blooms as a Social Enterprise, to be self sustaining in the future and offer further paid roles to people with support needs.

Other work opportunities are being developed with South Gloucestershire Council, local garden centres and landscape companies.

It is also an aim of the Project to offer participants landscaping experience by developing a gardening service for older people.

There is some funding to contribute towards the training of Care co-ordinators in Job Retention.

The project will be evaluated externally and all outcomes and learning disseminated widely.