



Longlands Staff

Our staff bring real-world experience in farming, building, hospitality and management, and professional qualifications in teaching, mentoring, mental health support and counselling. Volunteers bringing even more skills and gifts.

Our work allows many opportunities for informal conversation as well as more formal teaching and mentoring.

We can and do help young people to turn their lives around.

Our Board of Directors

The Longlands Board of Trustees reflects the knowledge, skills and experience required to deliver an effective service and keep students and staff safe. All trustees are voluntary.

The board's chair, Mark Molloy has a long history of working in statutory children's services. Other trustees have held senior posts in the public and private sector.

"The provision at Longlands is second to none." Teacher at commissioning school

Achievements

At the end of each year we celebrate with students their achievements throughout the year, and invite schools, families, carers and volunteers to join in. It is often our students' first taste of success.

Longlands Landmarks

2008 Longlands founded with just three students

2016 Julia Evans is national winner of BBC Countryfile Farming Hero award

2017 Princess Anne visits Longlands and meets our students as part of our Riding for Disabled 25 year celebrations

2018 'Game of Thrones' star Kit Harington chooses to support us by becoming Patron, visiting the farm, and chatting informally with students

2020 We hope to complete construction of our new Eco Roundhouse Head Quarters

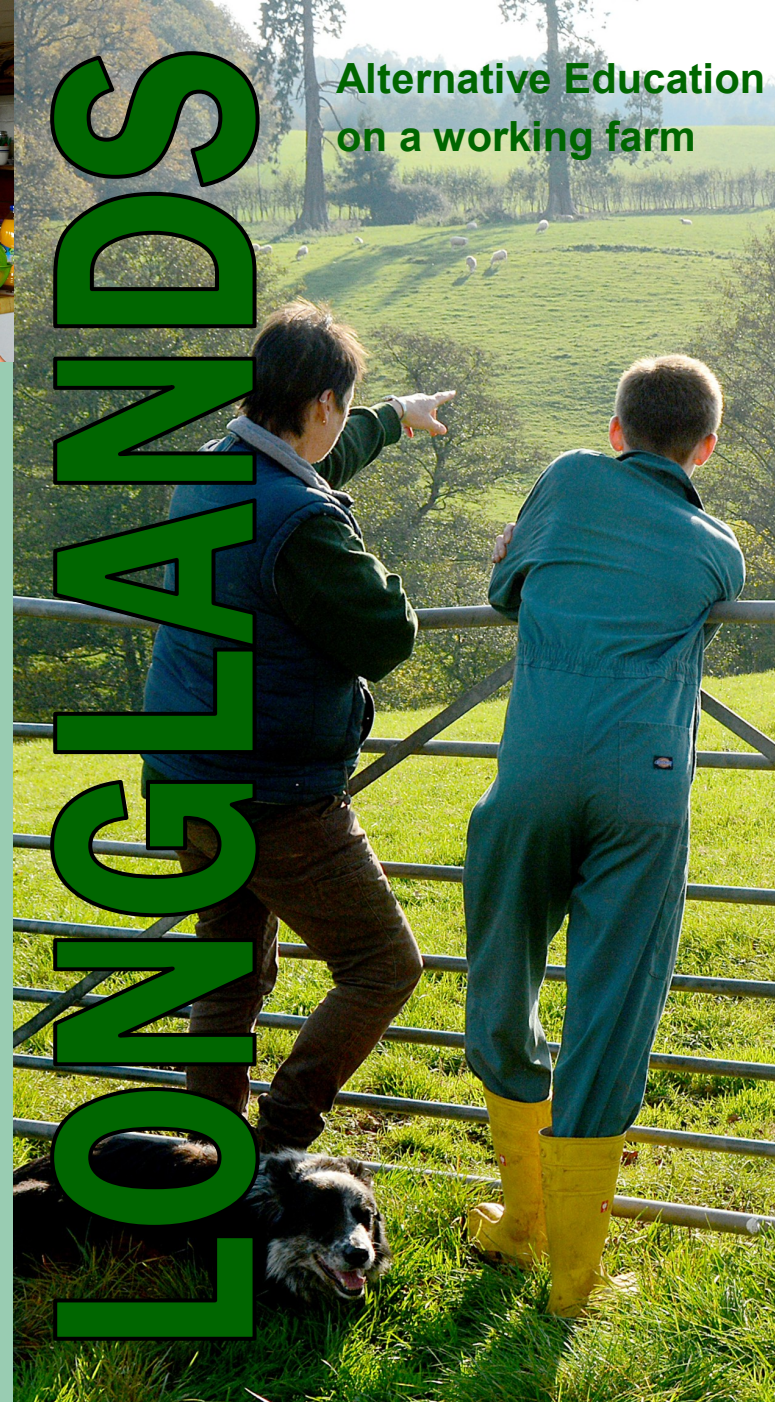
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Alternative Education
on a working farm



A Unique Learning Environment

Longlands is a 400 acre organic livestock farm set in the beautiful countryside of the Herefordshire and Worcestershire borders. We have herds of pedigree Beef Shorthorn and Salers cattle, a flock of Lleyn Sheep, ponies, pigs, poultry and working dogs.

Being on a real farm is very motivating for teenagers disaffected with mainstream education. And the peace of the environment, and working with animals, are known to have a beneficial effect. This stable and therapeutic setting gives teenagers new purpose and aims, and allows them to re-engage with their studies.

Inspirational Leadership

Longlands is the vision of Julia Evans, its founder and CEO.

Over a decade of operation she has been widely recognized as an extraordinary practitioner and she was the national winner of the BBC Countryfile Farming Hero of the year in 2016.



Education and Qualifications

At Longlands we offer :

- Level 1 City & Guilds in Land Based Studies and Horse Care Studies;
- Level 1 and Level 2 Functional Skills Maths and English.

We also support the young people in whatever way they need for their school work, such as GCSE courses.

Students work towards a wide range of units including:

- Operating and maintaining farm machinery
- Horse care and basic riding
- Construction, building maintenance and fencing
- Animal care: feeding, reproductive and health care

Riding for Disabled

We are home to a long established Riding for Disabled group. Helping children with special needs with their regular therapeutic riding sessions often brings out the best in our students.

“Longlands was my escape from drugs and violence.” Former Student

Benefits to Young people

- Qualifications and work experience recognised by further education and employers
- Mentoring and counselling
- Increased self confidence and esteem
- Developing social skills

Who can benefit?

We work with mainstream secondary schools, special schools, Pupil Referral Units, home educators, foster carers, care homes and private individuals. We focus our services on young people who:

- Struggle with mental and emotional well-being, anxiety, stress or anger
- Are experiencing difficult or challenging times in their lives
- Have barriers to learning
- Are excluded, or at risk of exclusion
- Are not coping in mainstream school for whatever reason

“Longlands really changed his perception of himself.” HIPPS Foster Carer