



## How we supported

# Multiple Intelligence Hub

We're proud to support young people across the UK, helping them access education, career opportunities and better wellbeing. We also strive to make a difference in the communities around our depots, working with clients and industry partners to support local charities and causes that need it most.



20 recycled tractor tyres repurposed sustainably

8.5ac

8.5 acres of outdoor learning supported



5 Sunbelt Rentals volunteers on-site

24hr

24 hours turnaround time



Supporting children with special educational needs

When the opportunity came to support our customer Kier with their help for the Multiple Intelligence Hub (MIH) our teams seized the chance. MIH supports children with special educational needs and disabilities and is located just 10 miles from our Maidstone depot.

This small community organisation completes outstanding work in the local area and provides outdoor alternative learning experiences, outreach and well-being interventions for children and young adults with special educational need requirements.

## Challenges

MIH is situated on 8.5 acres of grounds and woodlands. They depend on support from volunteers and the local community to build learning areas and are always aiming to enrich what they have for the children. They know young people with disabilities often learn better through practical hands-on experience and have developed the experiences around the senses – sight, touch, smell and taste.

Since MIH was established in 2018, they have built a natural and sensory based environment, which includes a woodland retreat area, wildlife and sensory gardens, animal activities and seven hubs providing different activities. In June 2022, they hosted a volunteering day to help progress the sensory gardens and make them more accessible for those with disabilities.

## Solution

On Wednesday the 29th June, we joined Kier and a team of volunteers from a local boys school to build raised flower beds, and complete other projects in the gardens.

We worked closely with MIH leading up to the day to ensure we gave our full support and encouraged them to ask for anything they required. As a result, we used recycled Sunbelt Rentals tractor tyres to create the raised planters, donating 20 in total. The large tyres proved to be a fantastic natural base for the raised planters. A team of five Sunbelt volunteers went on the day to put the tyres in position, fill them with compost and begin some of the planting ready for the children to complete and enjoy.

## Our equipment and services supplied at a glance

- Recycled tractor tyres for planters
- Digger and dumper hire
- Temporary fencing and traffic management
- Skilled volunteering and community support
- Promotional video filming and editing

## Result

The day was a great success and delivered great value for MIH and all those who use its facilities. The success follows our previous support for MIH of providing a digger and dumper to begin the development of a wildlife pond, as well erecting temporary heras fencing and traffic management equipment.

We have also loaned our expertise and time to work with MIH and film, produce and edit a promotional video for them to help MIH continue to gain the vital support they require from the local community.

MIH make an incredible difference and we will continue to work with them, alongside our customer Kier to make a difference for the children with special educational needs.

“ With donations of tractor tyres for raised horticulture beds, plant machinery to help create an amphitheatre, as well as an abundance of people power and equipment to get the job done. The projects that were achieved on this day would normally take MIH months to complete on their own. Sunbelt Rentals and Kier Highways got both these projects done in just one day. Leaving us with beautiful areas and activities that MIH’s young people can now enjoy for many years to come. ”

**Donna McClean**

CEO and Project Manager at The Multiple Intelligence Hub