Supported Employment Pathways

Project Choice

General Information:

Project Choice is a training provider who offer supported employment opportunities for young adults (aged 16-25 years) with learning difficulties and/or Autism. The education setting links with real life employers to



anytime, anywhere

provide work experience opportunities in a supported environment. Learners must have an EHCP. Project Choice has a 92% course completion rate which is 4% higher than the National average for young people with learning difficulties.

For more information visit: https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/project-choice-supported-internships

Supported Internships:

The support is tailored to each Intern, based on their skills and interests. Interns spend 1 year learning Maths, English and employability skills and attend up to three, 12-week placements with a Project Choice Partner. Project Choice partners with NHS and private businesses to provide positive, skill enhancing work environments to give a secure, uplifting work experience for each Intern. Interns are given a 2 week full-time induction prior to starting any placements with educational learning including confidentiality, inclusion and diversity and professional expectations.

<u>Durham County Council (Adult Learning and Skills Service) Supported Employment Programme</u> General Information:

There are 3 courses available from this provider. These may be suitable for young people with an EHCP who are aged 16-25. For more information please call: **03000 266 115**

Possible Pathways:

Future Focus Life and Work Skills Programme Learners with a range of abilities will learn to express their opinions, and make realistic choices as they prepare for adulthood,

while following the key themes of employment, independent living, health and community inclusion. Time in real community settings helps learners close the 'gap' between their aspirations and the skills, knowledge and experience that they already possess.

Supported Internships

A chance to develop skills and experience in an employment environment, with the offer of tailored support.

This course aims to help you move into sustainable, paid employment. Running across a full academic year, you will take part in a personalised study programme during your time with the employer, with the option to gain relevant qualifications including English and maths. No formal qualifications are required. Supported internships are available for young people with an Education Health and Care Plan up to academic age of 25.

Traineeships

These are designed for young people who want to work but need some extra help and support. The offer includes training and work experience which you need to develop your life and work skills, particularly English, Maths and ICT. This programme, which can be up to 12 months, is aimed at young people who have some qualifications below Level 3 (A Level) and who have a limited experience of work, but will be ready to start paid work by the end of the programme. Traineeships are available to all young people aged 16 to 24.