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The Council for Disabled Children (CDC) recently hosted the fifth national conference for disabled children and young people, and children and young people with SEN, as part of the Department for Education funded national programme [Making Participation Work](#). The Youth Voice Matters conference enables children and young people to develop their participation skills and to recognise their impact they can have when taking part in strategic participation. To find out more and watch two films about the day click [here](#).

Making Participation Work - Practitioner's Conference



As part of the Department for Education funded [Making Participation Work](#) programme, the [Council for Disabled Children](#) are delivering its next national practitioner's conference on Tuesday 13th June 2023. The conference aims to bring together participation, co-production, engagement practitioners, and strategic managers to discuss how SEND youth voice and engagement plays a role in developing quality local area provision. The conference will be online via Zoom and the deadline for sign-ups will be Monday 15th May 2023. For more information and to register for this conference, please click [here](#).

Investin – social impact and bursary opportunities for work experience



Investin specialise in providing students aged 12-18 with an immersive experience of careers in the areas of London, Manchester and Dubai. They strive to widen and diversify participation by offering bursaries and improving accessibility and inclusivity on their programmes. To find out more on what they offer, including charity schemes, fundraising initiatives and mentoring opportunities, please click [here](#).

Free six-week online course – Ambitious About Autism



Ambitious about Autism's [Youth Network](#) and professionals have co-designed a new free six-week online course will help you understand autism, explore your autistic identity, develop goals, and equip you with resources, in a guided peer support group. You'll take part in online sessions with a small group of other autistic young people, led by Ambitious about Autism staff and members of the Ambitious Youth Network. Please click [here](#) to find out more.

The Autism Show – national event



In partnership with the National Autistic Society, the Autism Show is a national event (taking place in London, Birmingham and Manchester - June and July 2023) which shares information and direction on pre or post autism diagnosis and approaching significant transition points. Once inside the event, all content is free to access and CPD certified for professionals. To find out more, please click [here](#).

Free imagination box for children with SEND



The FREE iOi Imagination Box is a resource pack designed for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The iOi Imagination Box is a sensory pack bursting with fantastic activities including making a Squeeze Fidget and a Lava Lamp guided by Step-by-Step instructions in your Imagination Box project booklet. To receive FREE Imagination Boxes for children in your school, please click [here](#) and scroll halfway down the webpage.

Checkpoint - Phoenix Youth Group

Phoenix Youth Group

Located in Torbay, the Phoenix group is for young people living with learning disabilities, physical disabilities and/or who are socially isolated. The group offers a safe place to get together and socialise. Phoenix meet once a fortnight to do various fun activities such as bowling, crazy golf and playing games. The group also offers young people the opportunity to share their views on issues locally and nationally to help make changes and fill gaps in services. For more information, please click [here](#).

Speech and Language UK



Speech and Language UK want every child to face the future with confidence and aim to give children and young people the skills they need so they aren't left behind. Their website shares a plethora of information and support resources for young people, families and educators along with tools and training to help children and young people to be understood. To access further information, please click [here](#).

Understanding your brain – free course for teenagers



Find out what's happening in your brain! Your brain changes as you hit adolescence. Going to sleep later? See how the changes in your brain explain some of the changes in your behaviour. This is a [free course](#) if you live in Torbay, just create an account and enter the code TAMAR

Virtual work experience opportunities for year groups 7-13

Join our GSK live online career challenges
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Gain FREE virtual work experience

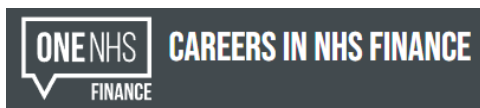
Dig Data and GSK are working together to provide a series of virtual work experience events aimed at sharing information on how data is used everyday. The sessions are as follows:

First Step (year groups 7, 8, 9): Wednesday 26th April at 4.30pm – [GSK live online career challenge](#) – The next big discovery! – [Register to attend](#)

Next Step (year groups 10, 11, 12, 13): Wednesday 3rd May at 5pm – [GSK live online career challenge](#) – calling all patients!! - [Register to attend](#)

Career panel: Thursday 11th May at 6.30pm - [GSK live online career panel](#) - We invite students, career leaders and parents to attend this live session to learn about placement and apprenticeship opportunities.

Careers in NHS Finance - May half-term livestream event week



Careers in NHS Finance have a special May half-term livestream event week, with a half-hour session everyday from May 30 – June 2. These events are aimed at students who would like to find out about careers in finance in the NHS. For more information on these sessions, please click [here](#).

Occupational maps of where technical education can lead



The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) have created a series of [occupational maps](#) to help show the relationships that exist between education, qualifications, [apprenticeships](#) and [occupations](#) in England. The [occupational maps](#) let you explore [occupations](#) by searching for a specific job, or browsing broader types of jobs. These occupations are shown on cards, along with details of relevant [apprenticeships](#) and other [technical education](#) qualifications, and possible [career progression](#).

Startup Sherpas – paid work experience opportunity for students between the ages of 13 and 18



Startup Sherpas want young people between the ages of 13 and 18 to join their SuperSquad team! You will get paid to work on a project with a client and bring the ideas you have to life. For more information and to register your interest, please click [here](#).

Southern Universities Network online event – Breaking Barriers to Higher Education



On May 2nd at 3:15pm, the Southern Universities Network will be providing an online training session for schools on understanding widening participation and how students can be supported to overcome barriers to higher education. To register for this event, please click [here](#).

Free talks on autism - Eventbrite



Eventbrite have a dedicated page via the link below which promotes a number of free talks and events on autism. Please click [here](#) to explore a diary of talks and events.

Business Without Barriers: Online support hub for disabled entrepreneurs



The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) has launched a dedicated online hub to support disabled entrepreneurs and encourage small businesses to be more inclusive and accessible. Visit the [FSB's information hub](#) to find out more.

The Mobility Scheme – The Big Event and regional One Big Days for 2023



The Motability Scheme is excited to announce the return of The Big Event and regional One Big Days for 2023 (dates in May, June, July, August and September). The events are FREE to attend and they aim to bring together everything available on the Motability Scheme. However, these events are also a great networking opportunity to help you to find out about careers and technical developments in this sector and product development. Click [here](#) to find out more!

Autism Summer School - University of Bath



The University of Bath are offering an Autism Summer School in August 2023 for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who will complete Year 11 in June-July 2023. This summer school is a free-of-charge, one-night residential summer school that aims to give students with ASD the chance to experience higher education and university life and also equip them with the skills to ease their transition to the next stage of their development.

It's for a student and a parent/guardian who will accompany them with overnight accommodation. Staying in on-campus first-year accommodation, all meals, information and guidance sessions and social activities are included. Travel to the University can be reimbursed (reasonable travel within the UK only). For more details, please click [here](#).

FutureSmart Careers Helpline



Jacque Ridge, our Helpline Manager and our team welcome enquiries from schools, parents, and students. The helpline is staffed between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday at helpline@futuresmartcareers.co.uk.

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