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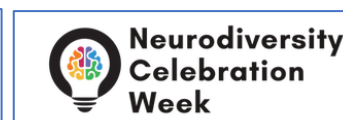
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## National Supported Internship Day – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024



National Supported Internship Day is the first national celebration of supported internships in the UK. It was launched in 2023 by the charity DFN Project SEARCH and is held annually on 27th March.

Get involved and help transform the lives of young people with a learning disability or autism spectrum condition by raising awareness of supported internships on National Supported Internship Day. More information can be found [here](#).

## Institute of Civil Engineers



Schools and colleges can now book a free 16-18 workshop at Sparks (Bristol) led by a real-life civil engineer, where students can learn about the links between infrastructure and the UN Sustainable Development Goals and explore career paths into the civil engineering. Please email [ice.southwest@ice.org.uk](mailto:ice.southwest@ice.org.uk) to request an application form for their 'ICE Careers Workshops'.

## Founder4Schools – New Project for 11-16 Year Olds



Founders4Schools is a charity which connects young people and their educators with a network of volunteer role models. They offer 'Inspiration Sessions' with local uni student ambassadors pursuing STEAM courses. These online sessions are designed to encourage school students to continue STEAM education after GCSE. For further information please contact the Regional Coordinator, Chris Hotchin: [chris@techspark.co](mailto:chris@techspark.co)

## McDonalds Work Experience Programme



Work Experience is a great way to build your skills and your CV and find out what you could enjoy doing in the world of work. Working in partnership with Youth Employment UK, McDonalds have created a virtual Work Experience programme which showcases the skills and behaviours that employers most often look for. For more information click [here](#) and/or contact: [autum.lippett@uk.mcd.com](mailto:autum.lippett@uk.mcd.com) regarding work experience opportunities.

## Success at Schools – Apprenticeship Guide



A digital guide with information for parents. Contains insights from employers, interviews with apprentices, and info about 17 industries: [Success At School 2024 Apprenticeship Guide](#)

## Explore Engineering – Year 10 Residential with the University of Bath



University of Bath's Explore Engineering Year 10 Residential, run in partnership with the Smallpiece Trust, is now open for bookings. This is a paid for opportunity but there will be a number of fully funded places available. For more information, please explore the links below:

[University of Bath's Explore Engineering Year 10 residential](#)  
[www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/parents-faq](http://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/parents-faq)

## Supported Internship Programme & Toolkit for Education Providers and Businesses



'EmployAbility – Let's work together' is National Grid's employee-led supported Internship programme for young people aged 16- 24 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The Let's work together has programmes running at two National Grid sites in Warwick and Wokingham. The aim of the programme is to raise aspirations and significantly improve the likelihood of a young person with learning disabilities achieving paid employment by providing supported, immersive work placements in our organisation.

They have also developed a toolkit for education providers and businesses who are planning on running their own Supported Internship programmes.

Further information can be found [here](#).

## Ofsted Independent Review of Careers Guidance in Special Schools, ISCs and PRUs



On 22nd February 2024, Ofsted published an independent review of careers guidance in special schools, independent specialist colleges (ISCs) and pupil referral units (PRUs). Click [here](#) to find out more!

## Subject Stories



Pearson provides some useful information, headline insights and resources associated with studying subjects such as Literacy & English, Maths, Science and Modern Foreign Languages. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Routes into Work Guide – SEND



The National Development Team for Inclusion have devised a guide which shares information about options for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to help them move into paid employment. To access the guide, please click [here](#).

## SEND Employment Support – West Sussex Local Offer



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West Sussex's Local Offer aims to raise awareness of the challenges associated with securing employment for young people with SEND and help teachers, parents and employers work together to support young people with special educational needs and disabilities to achieve their career goals.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

## Resources to Help Support Learners with SEND Find Work



The Education & Training Foundation have a number of resources [via their webpage](#) and associated sub-pages: [Support for learners](#), [Support for employers](#) and [Pathways to employment](#) which aim help with employer engagement, and support learners with SEND to find and sustain work.

## Work Schemes – England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales



Looking for work or working? See what help may be available to you through national and local employment services and schemes [here](#).

## Maintenance and Contracting Services Limited – Schools Outreach Offer



MCS offer mock interviews, CV writing, support careers events, workshops and talks about working in construction. MCS can work with non-mainstream schools (PRU/SEMH/SEND) and tailor activities to each school's needs. They also offer a bespoke offer for Yr 9-11 girls (in all schools) with half and one day workshops on a range of careers opportunities in construction: management, engineering and architecture.

For more information, contact: [danielle.haskings@mcsmc.co.uk](mailto:danielle.haskings@mcsmc.co.uk)

## South West Health and Care Career Pathways – New Website with Information on WEX Placements



South West Health and Care Pathways have generated a new website which shares lots of information about NHS, healthcare and care jobs, career pathways, volunteering and f2f and virtual work experience. For more information, please access the links below:

[SW Health and Care Career Pathways Website](#)  
[SW NHS WEX page](#)

## Tackling NEET Toolkit – The Careers & Enterprise Company



The Careers & Enterprise Company have generated an informative toolkit to help connect practical experience with research informed frameworks for understanding the risks to NEETHood and planning effective interventions. Click [here](#) to find out more!

## Supported Internship/Project Search – London



WorkStart are promoting a number of supported internships programmes with a number of partner organisations. You can find more information on each course via the links below:

[Supported Internship – Kingston – webpage](#)

[DFN Project Search – Epsom and St Helier University Hospital – webpage](#)

[DFN Project Search – The Hillingdon Hospitals – webpage](#)

[DFN Project Search – Hillingdon – webpage](#)

[DFN Project Search – Lambeth – webpage](#)

## PMLD World of Work Lesson Ideas



A sensory pack of career lesson ideas for PMLD Learners for them to explore the world of work. The suite of lesson ideas focuses on the experience gained through completing activities as opposed to the “end product” that is produced. It focuses upon developing children’s communication, engagement and experiences of the world of work.

To access the resource, please click [here](#).

## Articles by The Career Writers Association



The Career Writers Association are a professional network of highly experienced careers writers and editors. Their members create articles, books, videos, podcasts and other resources on a wide range of careers-related topics for many different audiences and clients.

Click [here](#) to gain access to The CWA’s insight into the jobs and careers they expect to be in demand over the next 15 years.

Click [here](#) to read The CWA’s article on supporting young people with additional education needs to access education & training.

Other CWA articles/blogs can be found [here](#).

## Free Neurodiversity and Inclusion Posters



Click [here](#) to access a number of free neurodiversity and inclusion posters!

## Free British Army Lesson Library



British Army Supporting Education (BASE) is a free platform and one-stop shop to get engaging resources and organise inspiring workshops or work experience to support teachers and career development services.

For more information, please click [here](#).

## Learning Disability Wales – Upcoming Training Events



Information on upcoming SEND training events in and around Wales. To find out more, click [here!](#)

## Engage with Language Development Disorder



Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) is a lifelong neurodevelopmental condition characterised by difficulties in being able to learn, understand and use language. [The E-DLD website](#) has a huge amount of research and resources about DLD to support people to better understand this area of neurodiversity.

## Autism and Us – Parent Support



Autism and Us is a free support programme for parents and carers of children and young people in Devon who are either on the autism waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism. The Autism and Us programme is now taking bookings for the summer term for dates in May, June and July.

Click [here](#) to find out more!

## Contact Us



For all enquiries, please contact our team at [enquiries@futuresmartcareers.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@futuresmartcareers.co.uk)  
or give us a call on Tel: **0330 311 9509**

We'd love to hear from you!

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