"Whilst at the BRI I did two rotations, I gained more confidence and got lots of compliments from patients! I am also starting my new job in July 2021 at Bradford Talking Media! **Rebecca, Intern 19/21**

"I did project search in 18/19. I did 3 jobs. Everybody really helped me and I really liked it here. In July I had an interview and got a full time paid job at Next. The team and my manager look after me and help me. I am now hitting bonus and I do cart mar-shalling too ". **Mason, Intern 18/19**

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What is Project SEARCH?

Project SEARCH is a transition to work programme for young adults, aged 18—25, with a learning disability, or autistic spectrum condition. We support young people to gain meaningful work experience in a real life work setting.

Originating in Cincinnati Children's Hospital in 1996, the Project SEARCH model has grown to over 500 sites across 9 countries. There are now more than 60 programmes in the UK alone.

DFN Project SEARCH is a year long programme based at Bradford College or Bradford Teaching Hospital. Project SEARCH's goal is to support the interns to gain key skills to find full time paid employment. This includes systematic instruction to learn new skills, and develop the confidence needed to gain and sustain paid employment. The interns are immersed in the host business and fully supported throughout.

Work Placements

- The Programme offers 3 different placements. This gives the interns chance to learn lots of transferrable skills

- The interns will gain 900+ hours of work experience

- Initial 1:1 support is provided by our Project SEARCH Job Coach

- A full time Workplace Mentor works alongside the interns in each placement

- Ongoing feedback, and development of skills is carefully monitored

- Uniform is provided by the employer

Base Room

We have Base Room sessions twice daily to:

- Reinforce any training that has happened on the placement

- Reflect on their placements and working practices

- Complete an Employability Skills qualification

- Develop a CV, learn job search skills ,and prepare for interviews

Paid Employment

- The ultimate goal of Project SEARCH is to support each intern to find full time paid employment.

- Current statistics show that only 6% of young people with a learning disability are in paid employment.

- Over 70% of the young people who have previously completed the Project SEARCH programme went on to find paid work .

- Our previous graduates have gone on to gain full time paid work in lots of different careers.

Follow On Support

- HFT provide follow on support for every intern

- This may be at the host employer, or an employer outside of the programme

- They provide support to learn the new role. They carry out regular reviews and are happy to assist with learning new tasks as the job develops

- They support the intern and their employer for as long as they are in work

- They also work in partnership with a benefits advice service

The Partnership

DFN Project SEARCH is driven by collaboration. The partnership consists of...

BRI & Bradford College are the business partners. They provide a place for the teaching to take place, work placement opportunities, and work place mentors.

Bradford College supply the tutor for the programme. The tutor delivers work skills training in a classroom environment. They also deliver an employability qualification.

HFT provide job coaching support, during initial training on each placement. They carry out regular reviews and also support after the programme has finished.

Bradford Travel Training Unit ensure that all interns can travel here safely and independently before the programme starts.

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