



Title: DFN Project Search - a one-year transition to work programme for young people with learning disabilities and autism.

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This session presents information on this innovate programme designed to help young people with disabilities into full-time employment.

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The session also includes a video which lasts for 14 minutes.





DFN Project SEARCH Changing Lives Together With The NHS

A one-year transition to employment programme for young people with learning disabilities and autism that is perfect for the NHS, but also operates in other industries.

DFN Project SEARCH believes that everyone deserves the right to aspire to the very best future, yet nationally **less than 6% of people with a learning disability** who are known to local authorities go on to secure full-time paid employment.

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ABOUT

DFN Project SEARCH is a supported internship programme that prepares young people with learning disabilities, autism and/or sensory impairment for competitive employment. St Bartholomew's Hospital is Britain's oldest hospital with 900 years of history behind it. Despite its age the hospital has state-of-the-art facilities, perfect for both providing great care and giving interns a great experience.

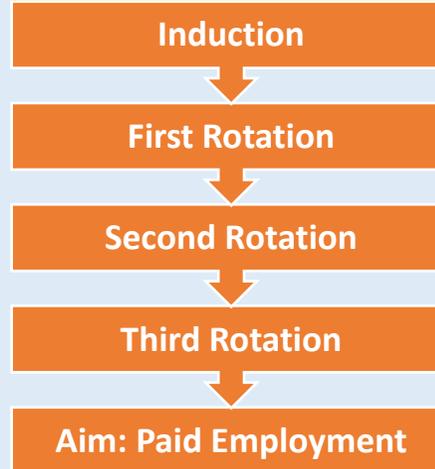
WHY CHOOSE PROJECT SEARCH?

- Gain over 800 hours of experience in **real job roles**
- Learn various life skills and improve your independence and confidence
- Benefit from exceptional, one-to-one support from dedicated mentors
- Work with a team who have a **proven track record** of supporting young people with disabilities, helping them into paid employment

WHO CAN APPLY?

We welcome applications from young people aged 17-24 with learning disabilities, autism, and/or sensory impairment. The young person must have a desire to work, be committed to attending Project SEARCH every day and aim to secure paid employment. To join the programme, the young person needs an Education and a Health Care Plan.

PROJECT SEARCH – HOW DOES IT WORK?



- The programme runs over an academic year (September to July). Interns are expected to attend Monday to Friday, between 8:45 and 3:45
- Following a Barts Health NHS Trust induction, interns complete three 10-week rotations across different departments, giving them the opportunity to try different job roles, and to build up a range of transferable skills to prepare them for apply for a job
- Over the course of ten months, interns work towards an Employability Skills Qualification
- Interns are supported throughout by the Project SEARCH Team and workplace mentors

WHAT PLACEMENTS CAN I DO?

We are aiming offer a wide and diverse range of rotations in different job roles across Barts Health NHS Trust. Placements may include: **Healthcare Assistants, Theatre Orderly, Theatre Housekeeper, Administration Assistants, Ward Hosts, Porters, Picker/Packers, Administration Support, Receptionists, Baristas, Medical Engineering Assistants, Maintenance Assistants, Pharmacy Assistants, Health Records Clerks, X-Ray Imaging Assistants, Retail Assistants** and much more! We are planning to develop new exciting placements.



CONTACT DETAILS

If you are interested in applying for DFN Project SEARCH or have any further questions, please contact:
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Employment types

- Food service and preparation
- Office administration and reception
- Patient care
- Housekeeping and laundry
- Domestic assistants
- Laboratory technicians

77% of interns in hospitals secured jobs in a healthcare setting (57% in NHS)

Over 70% of interns at Whipps Cross have found full-time work
1340 young people secured full-time jobs since 2010

A young man with short brown hair, wearing a white lab coat over a plaid shirt, is looking down at a piece of paper on a table. He is wearing blue gloves and has an NHS lanyard around his neck. The background shows a laboratory setting with shelves, a potted plant, and various lab equipment.

Alex

The job has given me a sense of purpose in life and helped me to build lots of bridges.

**Medical Laboratory Assistant.
Royal London Hospital**



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The programme starts in September and runs five days a week, for a full academic year. After a 2-3 week induction, interns typically complete three work placements of between 10 – 12 weeks. They are expected to travel to the workplace, independently, take part in the Barts Health NHS Trust induction and follow the Trust's Occupational Health guidelines and policies.

Our interns are completely immersed in the work environment, either working in their placement or in group sessions studying for an ASDAN-accredited employability qualification.

How to apply or find out more

If you like what you've read and you sound like a good fit for the project, download an application form below and once complete, return it to enquiries@projectsearch.org.uk. Use the same e-mail address if there is anything else you would like to know about the project.

For more information, including the application process for young people, <http://www.projectsearch.org.uk>



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[Meet our Project SEARCH team - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VJn1Z7egX4>

Find out more and apply: www.projectsearch.org.uk or email j.wingate-whyte@whitefield.waltham.sch.uk

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If you would prefer to phone, call Whitefield Academy Trust on 020 8531 3426 and they will put you in touch.