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# Blackpool Researching Together - Education, employment and skills

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Education and employment can have a big impact on our health, but not everyone has an equal chance of a good education. Inequalities in early childhood can mean some people come out of the mainstream education system without getting the skills they need, resulting in poorer employment prospects.

Through engagement with the local community we have learned that the biggest concerns facing our residents when it comes to education, skills and employment are:

- Broader and more creative curriculum options
- Quality of employment and business opportunities
- Clear, varied and attractive post-16 education, apprenticeship and job opportunities
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) support
- Support at work and into work for those with additional needs, including multiple disadvantage
- Mental health support in schools/colleges and workplaces
- People understanding their employment and benefit rights
- Impact of deprivation on the ability of families to support learning in school
- Access and quality of adult education and training (including literacy)

Blackpool Researching Together is working to provide research in areas that will help address some of these concerns.



## Research projects

We are currently looking for suitable projects in this priority area and will be sharing more about our work soon!

## Guidance and support

- [The Platform](#) - a youth skills hub that provides 16 to 24-year-olds with help and support when taking that next career step - whether that be work, training or education
- [Blackpool Learning Rooms](#) - free adult education courses and support for people aged 19 or over
- [Blackpool WorkWell service](#) - offers personalised support for anyone with disabilities or health issues aged 16 and older, who need help overcome health-related barriers to work
- [Project Search](#) - a work based supported internship programme for students aged 16 to 24 with an education, health and care plan
- [Getting skills for work](#) - working with the Lancashire Skills Hub to make sure people have access to the employment support and skills training they need during difficult periods like redundancies

- [Find further training and skills support in the Fylde coast area](#)

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