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Project Search - For employers

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Project Search is an international work placement programme for students and young people with learning difficulties.

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The national average employment rate for people with disabilities in the UK is 7.7%, in Blackpool this figure is just 1.8%. Blackpool Council is committed to raising aspirations for all its young people across the town, this includes those with and without disability and has a number of apprenticeship schemes and work placement opportunities across the borough. This project is the first of its kind in Blackpool, and Blackpool Council has committed to running this partnership programme beyond 2016!

Project SEARCH listed as best practice in the 2010 Ofsted Review, Special Educational Needs Green Paper, the DWP Sayce Report and the Equalities and Human Rights Commission Review. In 2012 there were 6 sites across the UK who implemented Project Search – and together they achieved over 60% job success. In Blackpool we want to make this 100% and we need your help!

Benefits to the Business:

- Access to a new, diverse, talent stream with skills that match labour needs
- Gain intern/ employees with disabilities who serve as a role model for customers
- Experience increased regional and national recognition through marketing of this unique program
- Performance and retention in some high-turnover, entry-level positions increase dramatically

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Can you help?

If you are a local employer who can give a young person employment opportunities within the workplace then please contact please contact the team on 01253 477878.

We would also like to hear from any other organisations big or small in Blackpool who would be willing to join us in delivering this fantastic programme in future years – lets really get Blackpool on the Project Search map!

Contact

Do you need more information on Project Search? Email the team on project.search@blackpool.gov.uk

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