

DFN Project SEARCH

is a highly effective supported internship programme that prepares young people with special educational needs for paid employment.



WHAT IS DFN Project SEARCH?



DFN Project SEARCH is a one-year internship programme for young people with learning disabilities. It is aimed at those young people whose goal is competitive employment in the community.

It is a collaborative venture between Harrow College, Northwick Park Hospital, Kaleidoscope Social Enterprise Ltd, Harrow Council and the West London Alliance. The programme will provide on-site practical skills training at Northwick Park Hospital for young adults with special educational needs.

This programme is designed to develop transferable skills, knowledge and understanding about work in readiness for paid employment. Students will develop employability, customer service, confidence, maths, English and ICT skills whilst working alongside employees in a real work setting.

Learning at the workplace will enable students to try out three different work roles, supported by the tutor, job coaches and workplace mentors.



BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAMME

- Participate in a variety of placements at a high status local employer
- Acquire competitive, transferable and marketable job skills
- Gain increased independence, confidence, self-esteem and friendship groups
- Receive work-based individual instruction, coaching, support and feedback from the job coaches, tutor and workplace mentors
- An opportunity to improve Maths and English as well as to gain an employability skills qualification
- DFN Project SEARCH is an international programme with the majority of participants gaining paid work.

WHAT OUR GRADUATES SAY! —●



“DFN Project SEARCH is a life changing experience.”

GEMMA PIPPARD

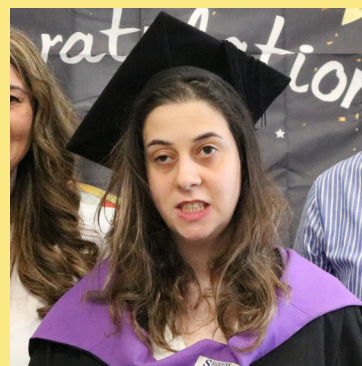
Employed in Outpatients Reception



“I enjoy coming to DFN Project SEARCH because I have learnt new skills in my rotations that will be useful when I get a job.”

NIRAJ GREWAL

Employed in Pick and Pack



“I think it's really good. With DFN Project SEARCH I've learnt lots of new skills and have had a good experience here.”

MELISSA FALANGOLA

Employed in Outpatients Reception



DFN Project SEARCH Interns from the 2022-2023 intake with their tutor and job coaches at Northwick Park Hospital.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Aged 18-24 on the 31st of August 2024 and must have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in place.
- Commit to a 5 day a week programme and be an independent traveller or be undertaking travel training.



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