



SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP FACT SHEET

Supported Internships are work-based learning placements within local employer settings aimed at young people aged 16 to 24 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and want to move into employment but need some extra support.

It's a programme that offers the opportunity to get practical work-based learning experience, providing a smooth transition from education to paid employment or further study.

Alongside their time with the employer, the young person complete a personalised study programme delivered by the chosen provider, which includes the chance to study for relevant qualifications, if appropriate, and English and maths at an appropriate level.

Each young person is supported in the work placement by a trained job coach, put in place by their education provider. The job coach provides in-work support that tapers off, if appropriate, as the young person becomes familiar with their role.

A Supported Internship program is classed as a full-time education and their supported internship work placements are part of their course. There is no legal requirement or expectation that the supported intern will be paid.

Supported Internships offer a range of benefits including helping people with a learning disability to:

- **Raise their aspirations**
- **Build skills and confidence**
- **Better understand employment**
- **Show employers what they can do**
- **Progress towards paid work**

Our local Supported Internship Providers are:

- **Telford College** **DFN Project Search**
- **Derwen College** **Supported Internships and Work Placements**
- **Shrewsbury College** **Supported Internship**

More info can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supported-internships-for-young-people-with-learning-difficulties/supported-internships>