

# DFN Project SEARCH is now open for applications for Sept 2020

We will be attending Bradford  
College Transition Evening

**Thursday 9th January**  
**4:00pm - 6:00pm**

**Presentations at 4:30 &  
5:30**

Bradford College

David Hockney Building

Great Horton Road

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DFN Project SEARCH offers a unique opportunity for young adults with learning disabilities, aged 18 to 25, to develop skills for the work place and be supported in their search for employment.

At our presentations you can find out more about the programme, how it works, and how to apply. Our team works hard to ensure that we deliver high quality support to our interns, working together to achieve an end goal of paid employment.

At the event you will be able to get further information about Project SEARCH Toftshaw (Next) and Project SEARCH Bradford (BRI). You will meet the Tutors Job Coaches, and some of the Interns. You will find out more about the placements Interns can do as part of the programme. You can also pick up an application pack for our 2020 programme on the day.

# What is Project SEARCH?

Project SEARCH started in the 1996 at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Centre, in America. Since then, Project SEARCH has grown from a single programme site in to over 500 programs across nine different countries. See [www.dfnprojectsearch.org](http://www.dfnprojectsearch.org) for more information

**DFN Project SEARCH's primary goal is to secure competitive employment for people with learning disabilities or autistic spectrum conditions.**

## How does it work?

Project SEARCH is driven by collaboration. Next Distribution and Bradford Royal Infirmary are the business partners. They provide a place for the teaching to take place, work placement opportunities, and work place mentors. Co-op Academy Southfield supply the tutor for the programme. HFT provide job coaching support, during and after the programme. The travel training unit ensure that all interns can travel independently before the programme starts. Project SEARCH is an annual programme which provides three work rotations for students in their final year of education, or their first year of supported employment. It involves systematic instruction, learning new skills, and developing the confidence needed to gain paid employment. The interns are fully immersed in the host business and fully supported throughout. More than 75% of Project SEARCH graduates achieve competitive paid employment after graduation.

## Who can apply?

The DFN Project SEARCH programme offers greatly enhanced employment outcomes for young people with learning disabilities and autistic spectrum conditions. The programme is open to young people aged between 18 and 25. Most of our Interns will have a current EHCP. We are looking for interns who are reliable, ready to work hard, and are committed to aiming for paid employment at the end of the programme. **They should be ready to start in September 2020**

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