

DFN Project SEARCH is a one-year transition to work programme for young adults with a learning disability or autism spectrum conditions, or both.

Everyone deserves the right to aspire to the very best future...

yet only 4.1% of people in Scotland, with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) go on to secure full-time paid employment.

At DFN Project SEARCH we work hard to challenge and change cultures and perceptions, demonstrating how young people with a learning disability can enrich the workforce, bring incredible skills and talent, encourage greater diversity and meet a real business need. At the end of the programme, on average 70% of DFN Project SEARCH graduates gain jobs, 60% of them achieving full-time permanent roles.

We believe in empowering all young people to enter the workplace with confidence. Ninewells Hospital, Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership and Dundee and Angus College have formed a collaborative partnership to give young people with learning disabilities and/or autism vital work-based learning opportunities, to help them to secure competitive employment.

For more information about the positive impact of supported internships for young adults with learning disabilities and/or autism, visit www.dfnprojectsearch.org

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