

Supported Employment Team (SET)

Supporting people who face barriers to employment or volunteering

SET in partnership with the



Kirollis and his manager
Keighley

We have been working in partnership with two local NHS trusts, supporting their pledge to hire more people with disabilities. One of our clients who has benefitted from this partnership is Kirollis, who did eight weeks work experience at Brighton General Hospital which led to a paid role as an administrator.

A very positive experience

The NHS staff intranet 'The Pulse' interviewed Kirollis's line manager who reported that her experience of employing someone with a disability or Autism has been 'very positive', and said she would 'definitely' work with the Supported Employment Team again.

Kirollis says: 'I was interested in working in admin because I enjoy using computers and I have always wanted to work in an office. Keighley my line manager and the rest of the staff at the NHS have been very supportive. If I need to check something that I am not sure about, they will help me out. I am happy that there is an organisation out there like the Trust that gives people with disabilities a chance to find work. If anyone out there is looking for a job I would recommend them to work for Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust.'

Joe at Carelink Plus

When SEET first met Joe he hadn't had any work experience since leaving school. Initially we supported him into a voluntary post with Shopmobility, where he rapidly gained skills and confidence. We were then able to set up a six months paid administrator role for Joe with the Carelink Plus team, the council's community alarm service. The placement is being funded through the DWP Protected Places fund.



Joe with Carelink
operations
manager
Richard Parrish

If you think someone in your family might benefit from the Carelink service you can call them on 0300 123 3301



Apprenticeship for Alia

Alia has started a Business Admin Apprenticeship working in the Post and Print team at Hove Town Hall. This was arranged by Carla Butler, the council's Apprenticeship Programme Officer. Brighton Metropolitan College are offering additional learning support.

Carla originally found Alia some work experience with the council's Transport Department which was very successful and led to Alia being offered her Apprenticeship.

Alia says "I think this is a really good opportunity and I am enjoying my job. I am learning lots about using the printers, franking and enveloping machines. I am also doing some work in the Post Room- it is quite busy in there!"

2 weeks work experience with Lloyds

Lloyds bank is offering two weeks work experience at their collections and deliveries offices in Hove. If you know of anyone who would be interested in gaining an insight in a customer service operation and would be eligible for SET support please get in touch.



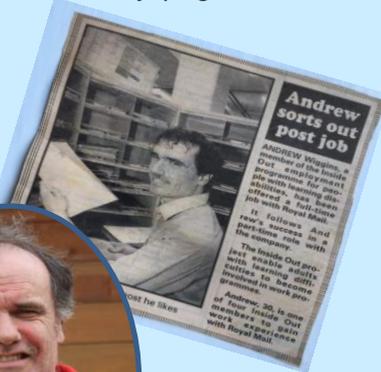
New directorship for SET!

SET has recently changed directorates within the Council. We are now part of 'Children, Families and Learning'. This means it is no longer a requirement that people are eligible for adult social care in order to access our service!

20 years and counting for Andy!

With SET support Andy started working for the Royal Mail at their Brighton sorting office in 1997, initially through work experience. He is now based fulltime at the Gatwick depot and still enjoying his role sorting letters and parcels. Andy received an achievement award after ten years and is looking forward to getting a second one in June. He hopes he will still be with the Royal Mail until he retires.

Andy says that he is very Grateful for our support and couldn't have got his job without it.



The Argus celebrated Andy's success back in 1997

Changes to minimum wage

The minimum wage for adults over 25 was increased in April to £7.50. For more information and rates for other ages, see: <https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>

Brighton & Hove's Employment & Skills Plan 2016-2020

A new Employment & Skills Plan has been agreed for Brighton & Hove. The plan aims for there to be "No one left behind" with the goal that 2,000 long term unemployed residents will move into sustainable employment by 2020.

Across the city there are over 12,250 people claiming Employment Support Allowance (ESA); a benefit which supports people that have a disability. SET is proud to participate in **the Services Action Group**; a collection of local service providers committed to making our services work better to help those furthest from the labour market.

Not only can SET deliver an effective service but now we can also influence the delivery of the City's Employment & Skills Plan.

New rules for Permitted Work

The rules for Permitted Work have changed: If you are working 16 hours or less you can now continue to get ESA indefinitely. Previously after 12 months you had to move onto Supported Permitted Work. If you think this might affect you please call us on the number below for more information.

The Supported Employment Team

We offer time-limited employment advice, coaching and support to people who have disabilities and long-term health conditions. With our help people: develop job skills; search for voluntary or paid work; and overcome some of the difficulties that can be experienced in the workplace. The skills learnt and opportunities gained have long-lasting positive effects on all aspects of one's life.

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