Daisy Chain
A haven for families affected by autism

Supported Work Placements

For adults with an ASD

Who is the placement suitable for?

The Daisy Chain Supported Work Placement Programme is suitable for young people/adults aged 16+ with a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder or who are undergoing diagnosis, who would like to develop their employability skills and work experience. Each individual must be able to work with a certain level of independence within a work environment.

What does the placement involve?

- We organise a supported work placement for you in a real working environment, either in our charity superstore or in an external business
- We aim to place you in a work environment that is linked to your interests, skills and career goals
- We provide autism training to the organisation where you are placed so that they have an understanding of the difficulties that can be faced by people on the autism spectrum, and strategies that can help
- We ensure that the organisation where you are placed arranges for one of their staff members to act as your mentor, who will provide you with support and guidance while you are on your placement
- Daisy Chain Employability staff will have regular contact with key staff in your work placement to ensure that they are able to provide you with effective support
- We will ensure you receive a positive induction into your work placement

- We will visit you regularly while you are on work placement to support you
- We can provide resources/visuals/one-to-one mentoring sessions, as appropriate
- You can attend workshops at our superstore on Portrack Lane, focussing on topics such as job hunting, CV writing and interview skills
- You can contact us if you have any problems or concerns whilst on your work placement

How does it help?

- Development of employability skills
- Work experience
- Increased confidence
- Boost your CV
- Opportunity to use staff as references for future applications

"Working in the Coffee Shop I have fun, and I get to learn different things about the Coffee Shop.

In my 6 months here, I feel more prepared for work and more confident as time goes on."

- Quote from a current placement

How do I apply?

We are currently taking expressions of interest. If you would like to apply for a placement or would like to find out more, please contact our Employability Team at Daisy Chain on **01642 531248** or e-mail **info@daisychainproject.co.uk**

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