

Supported Internship Programme



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The DFN Project SEARCH Supported Internship Programme is designed for young people aged 16-24 with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). The goal of this programme is to support the transition from education to a position of paid employment (16+ hours per week) and lasts for one academic year.

The Supported Internship Programme has several partners, all working cohesively to provide the best support available to young people transitioning into the workplace. The partnership includes Progress Housing, Runshaw College, Lancashire County Council and DFN Project Search.

DFN Project SEARCH currently has over 100 sites across the UK and Europe and has supported in excess of 1300 young people into paid employment.

How does it work?

The Supported Internship Programme consists of a daily classroom-based session, work placement and an evaluation session at the end of the day. Over the course of the academic year, you will complete 3 placements (also called rotations) which not only widen your skills set, but also give you first-hand experience of 3 different areas of the host business. Each rotation lasts for approximately 10 weeks and aligns to the same calendar as Runshaw Sixth Form College.

At the beginning of the programme, there is an induction programme hosted in the classroom environment that fully prepares you for your first rotation.

What will I learn?

The curriculum for the Supported Internship Programme is structured to meet the needs for all interns. The areas of study include:

- Team Building
- Workplace Safety
- Technology
- Self-Advocacy
- Maintaining Employment
- Financial Literacy
- Health & Wellness
- Preparing for Employment
- Social and Communication

Where will I be based?

You will be based within Progress Housing, which is the host business for the Supported Internship Programme. Progress Housing Group has multiple sites throughout the Leyland area, and you will have the opportunity to visit your new workplace before you begin. It is possible that you may work across multiple sites and buildings.

There are no formal examinations or tests as part of the Supported Internship Programme. Learning takes place through a wide range of activities, worksheets, online modules and team-building activities.

There will, on occasion be events that are hosted on-site at Runshaw College Leyland Campus.

How will I be assessed?

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At 3 points during the academic year you are required to host an "Employment Planning Meeting" where you will showcase your journey to date and demonstrate the skills and qualities you have developed.

There will occasionally be small tasks set for you to complete independently at home.

Entry Requirements:

You must have appropriate personal presentation, social and communication skills; a willingness to independently access and use public transport; a positive attitude; a desire to work and secure employment for your future and support from your family.

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