



Project | SEARCH

**Bath & North East
Somerset Council**

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Project SEARCH is a supported internship programme, specifically designed to help young people with learning difficulties or disabilities to build confidence in the work place and ultimately find employment.

The new Project SEARCH programme, which is running in partnership with Bath and North East Somerset Council, Sirona Health and Social Care and City of Bath College, started at the beginning of December, 2013. The Classroom is at Northgate House in the centre of Bath.

At the beginning of the journey, the new interns completed a period of orientation within Bath and North East Somerset Council. The interns attended a number of induction sessions covering areas including Health & Safety and Equalities Training and became familiar with the classroom structure. They went on to explore the diverse range of work placements on offer at the Council with support from the job coaches.

The interns have started work on their employability qualifications and have taken part in various assessment activities. During this time the interns were also able to share their interests and demonstrate some of their skills which helped us to match them to suitable departments.

There are many interesting and diverse work related opportunities for our young people within the council. These provide opportunities for on-going learning and the development of new skills in friendly and supportive work placements.

We are very pleased to be a part of this vibrant and inspiring initiative and wish our students all the best in their time at Project SEARCH.

'My son has become more confident and really come out of his shell since attending Project SEARCH. He loves working in the Post Room.'
Angela Porter

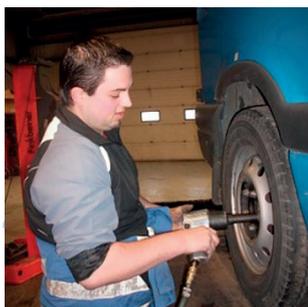
'Matthew was fantastic today. We were short staffed and he did a fantastic job of keeping the restaurant clean, tidy and well stocked. We couldn't have done it without him.'
R. Hallam

Meet the Students



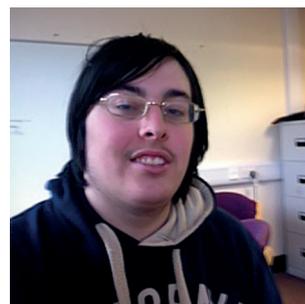
My name is **Matt** and I started my first rotation in the Pump Room Restaurant. I have been there 5 weeks, but already feel like a part of the team. I get a lot of experience working in the restaurant. I'm learning how to lay up tables and fold napkins, tidy and change menus according to time of day and set up glasses. At the end of this course I will hopefully get a paid job.

Hi. My name is **Chris** and I'm a student at Project SEARCH. I work in the Post Room in Lewis House. I work with very experienced staff who I like learning from. My job involves sorting the post and daily deliveries and collections. I am thoroughly enjoying the rotation and hope to have a paid job.



My name is **Sam** and I am interested in mechanics and engineering. I'm working in Fleet Maintenance at Locksbrook Road, assisting with MOT testing and other workshop tasks. I'm hoping to gain new experience and skills in order to find a paid job.

Hi, I'm **Sebastian** and I'm looking forward to start my work placement at Victoria Park in Bath.



If you know someone who is interested in joining Project SEARCH please visit www.citybathcoll.ac.uk or phone City of Bath College advice centre on 01225 328 715 or 01225 3281716

Please contact us if you would like to find out more about hosting a Project SEARCH student.

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