

Bristol Supported Internships

Supported internships are full time, year-long study programmes for young people aged 18-24 who have a learning disability and/or autism and who want to find paid employment. They are run by City of Bristol College in partnership with Bristol City Council and Sixteen Co-operative Ltd.

Study programmes are structured to achieve lasting paid employment by equipping young people with the skills they need for work, through learning in the workplace. Alongside their time with the employer, young people follow a personalised study programme, which includes the chance to study for a qualification and, if appropriate, English and Maths.

Work placements include on-the-job training with expert job coaches who are responsible for supporting both interns and their employers.

At the end of the year the interns will continue to work with their job coach who will support them to find employment that utilises the skills and experience they have gained from the programme.



Supported internships are made up of:

- Classroom and workplace learning, 9:00am - 4:00pm, 5 days a week
- 2 or 3 different placements at various locations during the year
- A work focused programme of study
- Support from a job coach and tutor
- Ongoing support to help get a paid job
- City of Bristol College student benefits, including a student card and access to the learner support fund



We offer the following Supported Internship Programmes:

Project Search

Project SEARCH, is a pioneering internship scheme for young adults who have a learning disability or autism and who want to do paid work. The scheme started in America but has run successfully in Bristol for several years.

The classroom is based in the Bristol City Council building. Most placements are with council departments, although some may be external. Students attend the classroom each day before heading out to their placements.



Into Catering

This programme is designed for young people who want to work in the catering industry. The interns spend two days per week together with a tutor learning kitchen skills.

The remaining 3 days per week are spent on placement, with interns practising and developing their skills in preparation for work.

Bristol Supported Internship Programme (B-SiP)

B-SiP is the most recent programme and is based on experience gained from Project Search. However, B-SiP works with a number of local businesses in Bristol to provide three work placements a year.

The interns spend time in the classroom and then travel out to their work placements. Here they are supported by both a course tutor and job coach.



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