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Oakfield College/ Supported Employment Service –Joint Project 2006-2008

The project, which has been jointly planned between Oakfield College and the Supported Employment Service, has greatly enhanced the life chances of many of our students.

The World of Work project has involved an Employment Training Adviser working with a group of students for one morning each week, timetabled as part of the Work Related curriculum, to prepare them for the workplace.

They also work with local employers to find suitable work placements for our students, all of whom have moderate or severe learning disabilities. The students are given the support they need to hold down a job and this has led to the aspirations of many of our students being raised, as they had assumed that paid employment opportunities were not available to them. The students have gained skills and confidence as well as increased self esteem.

The positive impact of this work is evidenced by the success of former students in paid employment. The project has enabled them to make a positive contribution, feel valued and lead rewarding lives.

There is a great need for this work to continue and to be extended so that all young people can benefit from the increased opportunities the project affords those fortunate enough to be given access to it.

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