Get ahead: Post-16 options for Disabled young people

This annual Disability and Skills Unit conference aims to address some of the challenges Disabled young people face on their journey through education, training, and work.

We need to work creatively and collaboratively to ensure that good quality information, tools, resources, and best practice are widely shared, and that the best possible support is provided to improve opportunities for Disabled young people.

This event aims to:

- Provide information and relevant resources for Disabled young people to make informed choices on their post-sixteen journey
- Share best practice on strategies and techniques that support Disabled young people in work, training, and education

09:30  Welcome - Rabia Lemahieu, Disability and Skills Manager, Disability Rights UK
09:35  Opening address
       Fazilet Hadi, Head of Policy, Disability Rights UK
09:55  Apprenticeships
       Matt Foulds, Team Leader, Apprentice Participation and NEETS Team, Department for Education
       Post -16 options- an overview
       Julie Benton, Chief Executive, Cosmic Cactus
10:15  At Fairshot Café
       Sue Jenkins, Head of Inclusive Learning Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College
11:05  Break
11:15  Being an apprentice
       Disabled Apprentice Network
11:35  Key findings of the 2021 Youth Voice Census
       Laura-Jane Rawlings, Chief Executive, Youth Employment UK
11:55  Roisin O’Brien, Founder, Empower Autism
• Identity
  Caroline McHardy, Project Assistant, Disability Rights UK

12:20  • Mind The Gap: Transforming Lives with Great Careers
  Claire Cookson, CEO DFN Project SEARCH

12:40  Lunch break

13:30  • Empowering Young People to Discover their Strengths
  Katherine Jennick, Owner and Creator of What’s your Strength?

14:00  • Adjustment Passport
  Dina Kukadia & Ian Milton, Policy Group Employers, Health Inclusive Employment, Department for Work and Pensions

14:20  • The Achieve Project
  Natalie Betts, Director, Superpeople

14:40  Break

14:50  • Virtually Unstoppable – Preparing Disabled Young People for a Digital Workforce
  Jamie Brett, Social Entrepreneur, Metaverse Architect, Economic Campaigner

15:10  • The Leadership Academy
  Katrina Morris, Leadership Academy Executive

15:30  • Feedback and Closing remarks

BSL interpreters and Speech-to-Text will be available during the conference.

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