

# **Useful Websites for Disabled Students**

**Careers & Employability Service**

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This handout contains information specific to disabled students and graduates. Listings are alphabetical and broken into three sections:

1. Job Hunting
  - a) General
  - b) Autism
  - c) D/deaf
  - d) Visual Impairment
2. Post Graduate Study – UK and Abroad
3. Other Organisations

It should not however be used in isolation. Please also refer to other handouts.

## **Section One – Job Hunting**

### **a) General**

- Association of Disabled Professionals (ADP)

[www.adp.org.uk](http://www.adp.org.uk)

Provides advice and information on employment, and offers informal help to find employment by the posting of CV's on the site. It welcomes student members.

- Arberry Profile

[www.arberrypink.co.uk](http://www.arberrypink.co.uk)

A free magazine available in the careers service, it contains articles on job hunting such as producing a CV and interview techniques plus a range of job advertisements.

For your own copy Email: [Arberry@Dircon.co.uk](mailto:Arberry@Dircon.co.uk)

- Breakthrough UK Ltd

[www.breakthrough-uk.com](http://www.breakthrough-uk.com)

Supports disabled people into employment and work-related training. You need to live within the boundaries of the City of Manchester

- The British Council of Disabled People (BCODP)

[www.bcodp.org.uk](http://www.bcodp.org.uk)

Operates an internet based job finding service

- Directgov

[www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/Emplimentsupport](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/Emplimentsupport)

Government site containing useful information on looking for work, help once in work and work schemes and programmes

- Disability Times  
[www.square-sun.net/bamsawt/dtimes.htm](http://www.square-sun.net/bamsawt/dtimes.htm)  
A monthly campaigning newspaper -details of how to access it are given on the website.
- Disabled Entrepreneurs Network  
[www.disabled-entrepreneurs.net](http://www.disabled-entrepreneurs.net)  
Provides a number of employment related fact sheets including job hunting, self employment and teaching. It also provides networking opportunities and enables self-employed disabled people to share information and issues.
- Disability Now  
[www.disabilitynow.org.uk](http://www.disabilitynow.org.uk)  
A monthly newspaper carrying employment advertisements, you can download the latest job vacancies from the web.
- Disability Toolkits  
[www.disabilitytoolkits.ac.uk](http://www.disabilitytoolkits.ac.uk)  
An interactive, web-based service providing comprehensive information, advice and sources of support to help UK students negotiate and organise work experience opportunities and field trips.
- EmployAbility  
<http://www.employ-ability.org.uk/students/services>  
Work with disabled university students and graduates to ease the transition from education into employment. Offer free support, advice and guidance throughout the entire recruitment process and beyond. Also run a wide range of [internships and graduate recruitment programmes](#) on behalf of many of the most prestigious and progressive blue-chip and public sector organisations.
- Equality Challenge Unit  
<http://www.ecu.ac.uk/guidance/disability>  
Promotes equality and diversity issues for students and staff in higher education
- Four All  
[www.fourall.org](http://www.fourall.org)  
Channel 4's disability database is a resource designed to help media companies working with the channel. Post your CV if you're interested in work as a member of crew, cast or audience.

- Hobson's Graduate And Employment Training  
[www.get.hobsons.co.uk/advice/disability](http://www.get.hobsons.co.uk/advice/disability)  
Free booklet containing company profiles, graduate case studies, work placements and support organisations plus articles on job hunting techniques; copies are available in the careers service during the autumn term.
- Office For Disability Issues  
<http://www.odi.gov.uk>  
General website that includes a section on employment rights and the law
- Ouch  
[www.bbc.co.uk/ouch](http://www.bbc.co.uk/ouch)  
A website from the BBC that reflects the lives and experiences of disabled people. It has regular columns, features, quizzes, a monthly near-cult podcast, a blog or two and a community messageboard.
- Prince's Youth Business Trust  
[www.princes-trust.org.uk](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk)  
Offers help to young people aged between 16 and 25 who wish to set up in business. The charity looks favourably on applications from disabled people.
- RADAR (Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation)  
[www.radar.org.uk](http://www.radar.org.uk)  
A broad ranging website it includes a guide to getting and keeping a job while managing impairment.
- Remploy  
<http://www.graduates.remploy.co.uk>  
Offer a free Employability Programme specifically for graduates and give help afterwards to find graduate level jobs. This is available locally in Manchester City Centre and across the UK
- The Papworth Trust  
[www.papworth.org.uk](http://www.papworth.org.uk)  
Wide ranging disability charity based in East England. Offers work preparation and support finding employment.
- Sencia  
[www.sencia.co.uk](http://www.sencia.co.uk)  
An organisation helping disabled people in receipt of health related benefits to get work.

- Suitability

[www.lcdisability.org/suitability](http://www.lcdisability.org/suitability)

On line job brokerage run by Leonard Cheshire, Employers Forum and Jobsgopublic

- Total Jobs

[www.totaljobs.com/graduate](http://www.totaljobs.com/graduate)

Job site for disabled people – has a graduate section

## **b) Autism**

- National Autistic Society - Prospects

[www.nas.org.uk/prospects](http://www.nas.org.uk/prospects)

Provide work preparation programmes, job finding support, interview support and employment support for graduates with autism and Asperger syndrome

## **c) D/deaf**

- Deaf Clicks

[www.deafclicks.com](http://www.deafclicks.com)

Lists a wide range of companies that welcome deaf and hard of hearing customers - could be useful for job hunting

- Deaf UK

[www.groups.yahoo.com/group/deaf-uk-jobs](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/deaf-uk-jobs)

An e-mail group for d/Deaf people in the UK, which advertises vacancies that are Deaf related. Registration is free.

- Deaf Works

[www.deafworks.co.uk](http://www.deafworks.co.uk)

Support deaf professionals through advice and mentoring and run fee-paying workshops on interview techniques, assertion skills, mentoring and career counselling.

- Dering

An employment service for Deaf people, offices based in Lancashire, Liverpool and Cheshire

Contact Sean Curran

[Sean.curran@dering.biz](mailto:Sean.curran@dering.biz)

Text 07853 367 406

- Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID)  
[www.rnid.org.uk/information\\_resources/employment](http://www.rnid.org.uk/information_resources/employment)  
Offers advice for job seekers and have a number of fact sheets on topics such as looking for work and PHD studentships.

- Royal Association for Deaf People (RAD)  
[www.royaldeaf.org.uk](http://www.royaldeaf.org.uk)  
Provides information and support, training and interpreting services and has an employment section which lists a wide range of jobs.

#### **d) Visual Impairment**

- Action For Blind People  
<http://www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk>  
Provides practical support including help with employment and training, free leaflets and booklets available

- BBact (**Blind Business Association Charitable Trust**)  
[www.bbact.org.uk](http://www.bbact.org.uk)  
Assists self-employment by providing business start up grants and business education and training

- Blind in Business  
[www.blindinbusiness.co.uk](http://www.blindinbusiness.co.uk)  
Offer an employment service specifically for graduates and under graduates and runs annual training event

- Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB)  
[www.rnib.org.uk/employment](http://www.rnib.org.uk/employment)  
This is a specific site regarding employment where you can access a range of fact sheets including self-employment, Access to Work, Job search and career support. This page also links to a job matching service.

### **Section Two – Post Graduate Study UK and Abroad**

- European Agency  
[www.european-agency.org/heag](http://www.european-agency.org/heag)  
A guide to accessibility services in Higher Education Institutions across Europe to assist students looking to study or participate in exchanges.

- Fulbright Commission  
[www.fulbright.co.uk](http://www.fulbright.co.uk)  
Provides help to students who wish to study in the USA. A pamphlet entitled: 'Students with Disabilities' is available to be downloaded.

<http://www.fulbright.co.uk/study-in-the-usa/undergraduate-study/additional-resources/students-with-disabilities>

It also gives links to USA Higher Education disability websites

- The Mike Devenney Scholarship

[www.mikedevenney.org.uk](http://www.mikedevenney.org.uk)

Helps disabled students, both undergraduate and postgraduate with some of the costs of studying at higher education institutions (fees, equipment and/or accommodation costs).

- Mobility International USA

[www.miusa.org](http://www.miusa.org)

Information about international exchanges including technical assistance

- Premia

[www.premia.ac.uk](http://www.premia.ac.uk)

Information and resources on postgraduate research degree programmes in the UK and includes guidance on maximising research opportunities for disabled students from pre-entry to completion, practical suggestions for removing barriers and examples of best practice.

- The Snowdon Award Scheme

[www.snowdonawardscheme.org.uk](http://www.snowdonawardscheme.org.uk)

Provides grants to physically disabled students, including those with a sensory impairment. You must be studying in the UK in further and higher education

### **Section Three –Other Organisations**

- ABAPSTAS (The Association of Blind and Partially Sighted Teachers and Students)

[www.abapstas.org.uk](http://www.abapstas.org.uk)

National organisation of visually impaired people which focuses on education and employment issues

- Ability-Net

[www.abilitynet.co.uk](http://www.abilitynet.co.uk)

Gives free advice on computer technology for disabled people

- Action for Blind People

[www.afbp.org](http://www.afbp.org)

Offers help with work, housing leisure and general support

- British Deaf Association  
[www.bda.org.uk](http://www.bda.org.uk)  
The BDA is the largest Deaf organisation in the UK that is run by Deaf people.
- British Dyslexia Association  
<http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk>  
Vision of a dyslexia friendly society that will enable all dyslexic people to reach their potential
- British Epilepsy Association  
[www.epilepsy.org.uk](http://www.epilepsy.org.uk)  
Provide advice and information about epilepsy including fact sheets on employment issues
- DIAL  
[www.dialuk.info](http://www.dialuk.info)  
A network of over 140 local disability information and advice centres run by and for disabled people
- Disability Alliance  
[www.disabilityalliance.org](http://www.disabilityalliance.org)  
Provision of advice, information, campaign work, research and training; information is regularly updated about benefits, tax credits and community care as well as disability related campaigns and parliamentary news.
- Disabled Motoring UK  
[www.dda.org.uk](http://www.dda.org.uk)  
An organisation of disabled motorists in the UK
- The Disability Law Service  
[www.dls.org.uk](http://www.dls.org.uk)  
Charity that provides confidential and free legal advice for disabled adults their families and carers.
- Direct Gov  
<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/index.htm>  
Provides information and advice about all aspects of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) as well as how to make a complaint if you feel you have been discriminated against

- Hearing Concern  
[www.hearingconcern.org.uk](http://www.hearingconcern.org.uk)  
Provides advice, information and support to promote communication access and to raise public and professional awareness of the issues associated with hearing loss
- Henshaws Society for Blind People (Hsbp)  
[www.henshaws.org.uk](http://www.henshaws.org.uk)  
Provides a wide range of services for visually impaired people with the aim of enabling people of all ages to maximise their independence and enjoy a high quality of life.
- Manchester Advice  
[www.manchester.gov.uk/advice](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/advice)  
Offers free, confidential, independent advice for people who live within the city
- RADAR  
[www.radar.org.uk](http://www.radar.org.uk)  
Campaigning and advisory disability body run by and for disabled people. Produce news updates, campaign information and have a bookshop.
- Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB)  
[www.rnib.org.uk](http://www.rnib.org.uk)  
The RNIB provide information, support and advice for anyone with a serious sight problem giving imaginative and practical solutions to everyday challenges.
- Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID)  
[www.rnid.org.uk](http://www.rnid.org.uk)  
Support people at home and at work, offering free confidential and impartial help, advice and information on a range of subjects
- SANE  
[www.sane.org.uk](http://www.sane.org.uk)  
Charity concerned with improving the lives of everyone affected by mental illness. An under 25's discussion group is available on line
- Schizophrenia.com  
[www.schizophrenia.com](http://www.schizophrenia.com)  
A web community providing in-depth information, support and education related to schizophrenia.

- Spinal Injuries Association

[www.spinal.co.uk](http://www.spinal.co.uk)

Represents the interests of spinal cord injured people - free phone help line is available

- UPDATE

[www.update.org.uk](http://www.update.org.uk)

Scotland's National Disability Information Service aimed primarily at employers. It provides general information and contact details for advice on disability matters throughout Scotland.

- Youreable.com

[www.youreable.com](http://www.youreable.com)

Information products and services for disabled people