



**Ambitious
about Autism**

EMPLOY AUTISM NETWORK

Become a pioneer:

**Join our Employ Autism Higher Education network;
the most significant internship programme to be
developed for autistic students in the UK**

The programme

The Employ Autism Higher Education network seeks to provide autistic students and graduates access to paid work experience and employability support, to better prepare them for the transition into employment on leaving higher education.

Reasons to get involved

By providing a placement to an autistic student or graduate from a local university you will:

- ✔ access a pool of untapped, diverse talent
- ✔ increase the morale and retention of your staff
- ✔ raise productivity levels and improve bottom line
- ✔ promote diversity of thought and problem solving
- ✔ support your existing workforce to thrive
- ✔ reflect the diversity of your clients and communities
- ✔ potentially become a 'Disability Confident' employer

“ It was such pleasure to be a part of the programme - not only because our intern was engaged, enthusiastic and a great addition to the team, but also because the programme - and the excellent training provided - has helped us gain a better understanding of autism and how we can support autistic staff in the future. ”

Previous Employ Autism Higher Education network employer

OUR OFFER

Employers who partner with us on this programme can access:

- ✔ training and support at £0-cost
- ✔ connections to an ever-growing network of diverse employer partners
- ✔ resources to advise on making your recruitment practices more inclusive
- ✔ opportunities to collaborate with key stakeholders through events, networking and toolkits
- ✔ input to our evaluation, which will influence policy and practice on a national scale

Autistic students and graduates undertaking paid internships will:

- ✔ gain increased work readiness and ability to move into employment
- ✔ be empowered to self-advocate in the workplace
- ✔ have enhanced confidence to contribute as an employee within a team

We are **Ambitious about Autism**

Ambitious about Autism is the national charity standing with autistic children and young people.

We believe every autistic child and young person has the right to be themselves and realise their ambitions.

We started as one school and have become a movement for change. We champion rights, campaign for change and create opportunities.

Contact us

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