



**Ambitious
about Autism**

EMPLOY AUTISM NETWORK



Become a pioneer: join our network of forward- thinking employers and benefit from the competitive advantage that a diverse workforce brings.

Our employability programme helps you to push the boundaries in this ever-changing world. Providing a paid experience of work to an autistic person will result in a more inclusive working environment, allowing all your staff to prosper.

Reasons to get involved

By offering a placement to an autistic intern 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

Autistic people who undertake paid internships will:

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

OUR OFFER

We are providing our partner employers across the UK with:

- ✓ training and support
- ✓ connections to an ever-growing network of diverse employer partners
- ✓ resources to promote your organisation's participation in the programme
- ✓ 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





“We recognised as an organisation that to really support our business growth and drive our strategy going forward, it’s important to have a diverse workforce.”

Jo Marks,
Senior HR Business Partner, SAP
Employ Autism partner

What’s the economic benefit of a diverse and inclusive workplace?

PROFITABILITY

25% – 36%

more likely to outperform on profitability

DECISION-MAKING

up to **30%** greater ability of spotting and reducing business risks

INNOVATION

up to **20%** higher rate of innovation

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

Statistically significant causal relationship with engagement and retention, for all employees

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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