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The Autism Project

Organisation details

Description of activity

The Autism Project is a full time 2-year employment programme for young people on the autism spectrum who would like to work but need more confidence, support, skills, and experience.

All students follow our supported internship curriculum for their first term and typically, students will spend 3 terms (their first year) following this: they will learn within real work experience placements within either Guy's & St. Thomas' or Whittington hospitals four days a week, supported by work-place mentors and specialist job coaches. They will also attend class once a week, where they learn valuable employability and independent living skills. The objective is for young people to become 'work-ready'.

Students progress to the year two curriculum once 'work-ready', typically in term 4, where the focus is on greater independence in the workplace (with a wider range of employers). Students are supported to develop their interview and communication skills and to actively seek and hopefully gain paid employment, a paid apprenticeship or further vocational training of choice. In year two students access weekly 1:1 job search sessions.

TAP staff use person centred planning and our aim is to help all students reach their individual goals as defined in their Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP). Throughout the course there is a high level of 1:1 support. Students also have access to weekly SaLT and Wellbeing sessions if needed.

In addition The Autism Project supports young people to improve their independent living skills, become involved in their community and take steps to stay healthy through enrichment activities and social groups that run across all CareTrade services. This includes travel training.

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Address details

Building name

The Clarence Centre

Address 1

6 St Georges Circus

Town

Southwark

County

London

Postcode

SE1 6FE

Accessibility**Accessible building**

N/A

Accessible toilets

N/A

Parking facilities

N/A

Dietary needs catered for

N/A

Staff have specialist training

N/A

Please enter any further details about your accessibility / specialist support

Students (and their parents/carers) are responsible for ensuring students are able to get from home to their work placements (and back at the end of the day). We have a job coach and workplace mentors who will assist students with any daily needs or difficulties they may face in their work placements and travel training forms part of the programme. Individuals need to be responsible for their own personal care, lunch-times and getting around the hospital independently.

Availability details**Days and times of activity / opening**

Monday	from 09:00	to 16:30
Tuesday	from 09:00	to 16:30
Wednesday	from 09:00	to 16:30
Thursday	from 09:00	to 16:30
Friday	from 09:00	to 16:30

When is the activity or service available

Term Time Only

How to access the service/activity

Drop-in / Turn-up |

Description of eligibility or referral criteria and pathways (if applicable)

We accept referrals from Local Authorities and directly from young people. Applicants should complete a TAP application form and supply copies of documents as requested including a copy of a current EHCP where applicable. We hold informal interviews with all applicants (who meet our primary criteria) and all suitable applicants are invited to complete a half day assessment and DBS check.

Does a parent / carer need to stay on premises during activity

No

Is there a cost for this service or activity

Yes

Please provide further details

A young person's place is funded by their Local Authority (usually by Education but sometimes Social Services or a combination of these). This usually requires an EHCP to be in place or for an assessment to be in progress. Occasionally a student may be funded otherwise.

Who to contact for more information about inclusion and accessibility

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Age range**Age of users**

From 18 years to 25 years

Additional useful information to download**File attachments**

- TAP Easy Read (Adobe Portable Document Format, 776 KB)

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