

# Employment is an Option

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# Welcome

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# Employment?

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- 7.5% of people with a learning disability are in employment
- many have no experience of employment
- many have no expectation of employment

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## **‘Learning for Living and Work’ stated:**

*“By September 2010, the LSC will no longer fund providers to deliver work preparation programmes for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, which do not focus on learning in the workplace and the supported employment model.”*

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## **Supported employment:**

- determining the interests and preferences for work of the individual
- developing the specific skills and behaviours the individual will need
- shaping work roles to fit the abilities of the individual and coaching them to fulfil that role

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- supported employment works
- employers are interested in supported employment
- real competitive jobs that add value to the employer
- real benefits to the individual

# Employment, what next?

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- developing funding and curriculum models for supported employment models
- support for individuals and employers – ‘Access to Work’
- supported employment agencies – British Association for Supported Employment (BASE)
- raising expectations of learners, parents, carers providers, agencies etc.

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Thank you

We will take questions after both presentations

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