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Devon County Council have signed an agreement with the Government which will see an extra £95 million of national funds set aside to reduce their deficit on special needs education. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Cyber Horizons Event at Bath College



CyberFirst is the school outreach project run by GCHQ. As part of their work with schools in Bath and NE Somerset, this free event is suitable for year 9 computer science students, or year 7 & 8 students being targeted for computer science options.

Partners from local computing and cyber industries will run hands-on workshops designed to introduce students to a wide range of careers and specialisms in computing, including cybersecurity, coding, software development and AI.

For further information, please contact: chris@techspark.co

Deadline delivery date is 16th July 2024

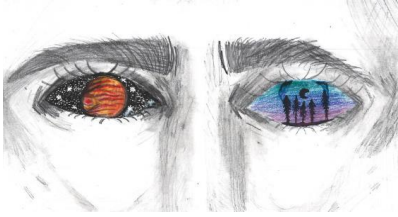
Autism and Us – Free Workshops for Parents and Carers of Devon's Primary and Secondary Children



Education and Families
Children and young people's futures

Devon County Council are offering free workshops for parents or carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post-autism diagnosis. The programme is designed to offer access for families of children and young people who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, as well as families of children and young people who have received an autism diagnosis. For more information, please click [here](#).

Neurodivergent Participants Needed for Art Project!



Devon's SEND Participation Team is collaborating with Esteem Team CIC and researchers from the University of Exeter on the University's Engaged Public Research funded art project. The physical exhibition of these artworks will be launched at Positive Light Projects at an event in June. The exhibition will take place between Friday 21 and Sunday 23 June 2024.

If you are neurodivergent or know of a neurodivergent young person who would be interested in taking part in the exhibition, please contact amy.bickford@devon.gov.uk. The deadline for submissions is Friday 24 May, and all art forms are welcomed.

WWF Sustainable Futures Programme: Work Experience and Employer Talks



Aimed at 14–18 year-olds and in partnership with [Villiers Park Educational Trust](#) and [Founders4Schools](#), WWF's free programme provides teachers and career leads with the tools and support to empower students to build a sustainable career. The programme also includes education pack as well as business role model talks and experiences of the workplace opportunities. To explore the programme, please click [here](#).

BAE Tailored STEM Programme for Key Stages 4-5

BAE SYSTEMS

BAE Systems are offering a STEM programme which includes activities such as:

- Spheros "The Dreadnaught Challenge" – Coding activity (tablets required)
- Model Subs – Challenge to create a submarine that can submerge and emerge to pick up tools underwater
- Roving Robots – Cyber Security Robots Activity (from June onwards)

To find out more, please contact: tom.rogers@baesystems.com

BAE Systems also have an online 'Career and Learning Hub' which includes a variety of career insights and resources. Click [here](#) to access this resource.

Bottle Yard Studios – Get to Know the Film and TV Production Industry!



The Bottle Yard Studios are running a Zoom webinar for local educators and their learners. The webinar which will be suitable for Year 10 and above will also mark the launch of the second round of their [West of England Workforce Development Programme](#).

The session will give an overview of what goes on at The Bottle Yard Studios, provide an introduction to scripted film and high-end TV production and be the chance to hear from a local runner currently working in the region. There will be information about the programme which is open to residents of the West of England who will be aged 18+ in 2024.

To register your interest or to ask any questions please email bottleyardskills@bristol.gov.uk

Eco Education Videos from Ministry of Eco Education



The Ministry of Eco Education have a bank of videos focused on sustainability with educators and experts which can be accessed via their dedicated [YouTube channel](#)

West of England Careers Hub Conference – Empowering Futures Advancing Careers Education for Students with SEND



The West of England Careers Hub Annual Conference is due to place on 10th July (8.45am to 3.30pm) at SGS College, Wise Campus, BS34 8LP.

This year the focus is to support and inspire careers professionals who work with students with Special Educational Need and Disabilities (SEND). This is equally relevant for ALL of WECA schools and colleges – Mainstream, Special and ALP.

To book your free place, please click [here](#).

Free Futurum Career Resources



Futurum education / career resources can be used in schools, colleges or at home, and are suitable for 14 to 19-year-olds (key stages 4 & 5). They cover a broad range of fascinating subjects across the STEM and SHAPE (Social Sciences, Humanities, Arts of People and the Economy) fields.

To access the resources, click [here](#)!

Natwest Money Sense - Free Workshops



Designed for age groups 5-18, Natwest are offering a teacher-led workshop and support from a bank volunteer visiting your school to help young people learn about money.

For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

Free Resources from HMRC – Tax Facts



Designed by a team of educational experts, Tax Facts is a curriculum-linked set of free resources available to teachers to support young people as they plan for future life and work. You can even request a visit from a HMRC member of staff to help deliver the lesson in class! Suitable for students aged 11-17.

Click [here](#) to register and access this resource!

Tech Courses for Secondary School Students



InnovateHer Online is an eLearning space where students can access hours of fun and interactive STEM content designed to help them discover their full potential while teaching relevant, industry-needed skills.

The courses have been designed to reach Gatsby Benchmarks (4&5) and are linked with the curriculum to allow you to plug and play whilst getting the best and most up-to-date lessons straight to your students.

For more information, click [here](#).

Youth Voice Census 2024



This is a national survey for 11–30-year-olds across the UK and is a chance for people in this age group to share how they feel about where they live, work and study, what is working for them now, and what could support them better in the future.

The census is open until 7th June to all 11 - 30 year olds in the UK - don't miss your chance to be heard!

Click [here](#) to complete the Youth Voice Census 2024

Careermag for Inclusion



Get inspired to offer work experience to young people with special educational needs and disabilities by reading the latest issue of Careermag for Inclusion [here](#)!

NHS Finance Insights Placement Scheme



The NHS Finance Insights placement scheme offers paid work experience in NHS organisations throughout England to individuals aged 18 and above, who do not plan to attend university and come from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

Application deadline – 5pm on Friday 24th May 2024.

For further information (including entry requirements) and to access the online application form, please click [here](#).

£450 Bursary from Stem Clubs – STEM Learning



This is a scheme designed to help connect classroom learning with real-world careers. Students will learn about 6 different technician careers and take part in hands-on activities. Schools and colleges can receive £450 bursary for taking part.

For info email: stemclubs@stem.org.uk

[STEM Learning](#)

Step into the NHS – Key Stage 3 Resources and Competition



An exciting resource and competition for students in KS3, designed to help raise career aspirations and awareness of the breadth of 350 careers available in the NHS.

Click [here](#) to find out more!

Personality and Skills Tool – PeopleHawk



People Hawk offer various preparation for employment resources including a free personality test, CV guidance and how to pitch and connect. Click [here](#) for more information.

National Apprenticeship Show – West of England (8th and 9th October 2024)



FREE event for school and college leavers (year 11, 12 & 13) students, young adults, teachers, tutors, parents, carers and individuals to discover more about apprenticeships, meeting regional and national employers and training providers.

Travel bursary of £3.50 per head (T&Cs apply) is available, and a rate of £5 per head to all West of England Careers Hub schools/colleges attending in the afternoon sessions of either day. Use referral code **WECH2024** when booking to claim the premium bursary rate.

FFI please contact Paige on marketing@nasevents.co.uk.

To access information on the website, click [here](#).

Careers Fairs in Wales



For information on upcoming careers fairs across Wales, click [here](#)!

Resources to Help Support Learners with SEND (Including employer-led events and courses)



Learners with SEND can face real challenges in finding and sustaining employment. The resources [on this page](#) and the associated sub-pages: [Support for learners](#), [Support for employers](#) and [Pathways to employment](#) will help you to engage with employers, and support learners with SEND to find and sustain work.

SEND Careers Fair – South East and North East London



The SEND careers fairs aim to raise the aspirations of SEND students by offering them career opportunities and enhance their employability skills.

It is an invaluable opportunity for students to explore various career paths, connect with potential employers, and learn about the support services available to them. The careers fair is aimed at KS4/KS5 students with post 16/18 options.

The North East SEND Careers Fair is located at Waltham Forest College and takes place on 12th June. Click [here](#) to register and find out more.

The South East SEND Careers Fair is located at London South East Colleges: Bromley and takes place on 3rd July. Click [here](#) to register and find out more. Parent tickets can also be booked for the South East SEND Careers Fair [here](#).

Diagnostic Radiography and Healthcare Science Event – Saturday 6th July 2024



This event is open to students, their parents, and teachers and takes place at South West Imaging Training Academy, 12 William Prance Rd, Plymouth PL6 5WR.

The event is free but you must pre-book your ticket to secure. Click [here](#) to find out more!

National Volunteers' Week – 3rd to 9th June 2024



National Volunteers Week is celebrated between the 3rd and the 9th of June this year. It is a week in which the UK celebrates volunteers and says thank you to them for the contribution that they make. The week also raises awareness about the benefits becoming a volunteer and the diverse volunteering roles that are available.

Further information about Volunteers Week and information about becoming a volunteer can be found [here](#).

Free Oxfordshire Labour Market Information Posters



It's important to make labour market information (LMI) accessible to all students and ensure it sparks their interest in finding out more about key sectors and where future opportunities will be. OxLEP have created a number of posters to support students to learn more about the labour market in Oxfordshire, with a focus on some of our key sectors.

To access the posters, click [here](#)!

Swindon and Wiltshire Careers Hub – Amazing Applications Broadcast



Join Swindon and Wiltshire Careers Hub LIVE from 9am on Thursday 4th July for the Swindon and Wiltshire Careers Hub Amazing Applications Broadcast

Get to grips with how modern job applications work and how you can achieve successful applications with our Amazing Applications Virtual Broadcast. Get the lowdown from their industry insiders on today's recruitment practices and how to stand out from the crowd with CV and interview tips, find out what an assessment centre is and get the latest advice on how to approach interviews whether they are in person, virtual, by telephone or recorded as a video.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Virtual Workplace Tours



Panjango have devised a number of new fully immersive virtual workplace tours; allowing students to roam behind the scenes and discover the interesting work that happens in a range of exciting workplaces.

The virtual tours offer workplace information and job profiles, as well as interactive challenges and fun facts to bring the workplace to life for students.

To access the virtual tours, click [here](#).

Tes SEND Show 2024 – 11th & 12th October 2024



This year's Tes SEND Show is scheduled to take place on the 11th and 12th October at the Business Design Centre, London. For further information, click [here](#).

Contact Us



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or give us a call on Tel: **0330 311 9509**

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