



People's
Group



Employment Event
20 September 2024





This is our first event on the west side of Surrey. There were 40 people at the event who were supported by several organisations, parents and carers.

Who came to the event?



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What did we do?

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Employment Agenda

Friday 20th of September
Emmanuel Church Hall, Guildford








What we will talk about at our event:

- 10:15 →  Arrive and welcome visitors
- 10:30 →  What is employment? Why do it?
- 10:50 →  Why don't many people with learning disabilities have a job?
- 11:05 →  Break 

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- 11:20 →  Edge Consultancy - How we help people get ready for work
- 11:40 →  Surrey Choices - Workwise
- 12:00 →  Experts by Experience – Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training, Active Prospects
- 12:20 →  What do you have to offer? Surrey Choices
- 12:30 →  Finish meeting 

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At the start of the meeting, we got people to think about employment and why people worked. People said having a job was important because they:

- Wanted to earn money
- Enjoyed their work
- Learn new things
- Make new friends
- Can help people



What is employment?



People spoke about their personal experiences of getting a job and what it meant to them.



People's Experiences

We asked members about barriers to employment.
Why do people with learning disabilities often not
have a job?



job suiting skills set
lose benefits lack of support
accessible transport
employer support shy
losing benefits support to get a job
flexible hours job paying enough

Barriers to Employment



Jennifer spoke about EDGE which stands for Education, Development, Growth and Employment.

They help people with learning disabilities to find a job that suits them.



They provide:

- Help for people with learning disabilities to feel more confident.
- Work experience opportunities.
- Training courses to prepare you for work.

To find out more visit their website:

www.edgedisability.co.uk

EDGE



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Eric from Surrey Choices spoke to us about Workwise.

Workwise helps people with physical needs, learning disabilities and people who are neurodivergent find work and stay in a job.



How does it work?

Once you have registered you will be matched to an employment specialist who will work with you to find out your skills, help you find work, and support you to stay in the job.

Workwise



You will receive a range of employment support including writing your CV, interview training and help to find a role that suits you.



You can also access benefits, financial and housing advice.

They work with other organisations in Surrey to identify suitable roles that support people's needs.



To find out more visit their website: [Work Wise: Supporting people to get work - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

Workwise



Katie from Active Prospects spoke to us about the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training.

Katie is looking for experts with lived experience to be co-trainers for the Oliver McGowan Training. You will be paid for this role.



The purpose of the training programme is to train medical professionals and social workers to better understand learning disabilities and autism.

Katie said they are looking for more people with learning disabilities to provide this training.

If you are interested, please email:

katie.christmas@activeprospects.org.uk



Oliver McGowan Training

Employment Shield



- Before you apply for a job, you should have a CV (curriculum vitae) ready to send. This summarises your skills and why you should get the job.



- Phil from Surrey Choices got people to think about their strengths.

Employment Shield



- Before we finished our meeting, people were asked to create their own employment shields.

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