

Employment Event 20 September 2024











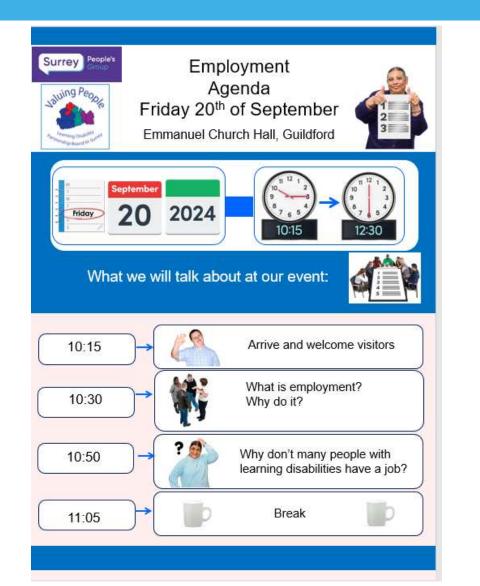
This is our first event on the west side of Surrey. There were 40 people at the event who were supported by several organisations, parents and carers.

Who came to the event?



What did we do?











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?

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Barriers to Employment







EDGE

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: <u>www.edgedisability.co.uk</u>







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: <u>Work Wise:</u> <u>Supporting people to get work - Surrey County Council</u> (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: <u>katie.christmas@activeprospects.org.uk</u>

Oliver McGowan Training



Employment Shield

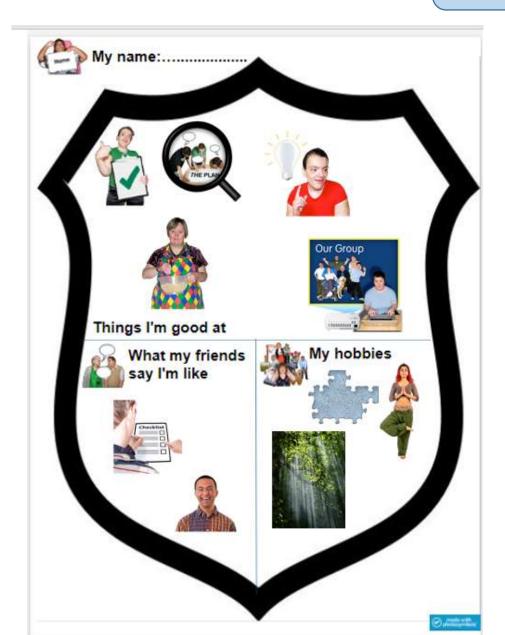


 Before you apply for a job, you should have a CV (curriculum vitae) ready to send. This summarises your skills and why you should get the job.



• 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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