

Legacy Conference



Tuesday, 4 March 2025



11:00am – 1:00pm



Online,
Microsoft Teams

When	What & Who
11:00	Opening Remarks

Presented by: **Harry Georgiou**, Youth Advisory and Co-Production Assistant at DFN Project Search and **Julie Pointer**, Children & Young People Programme Lead, NDTi.

11:15	Panel 1: The Impact of Supported Internships
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Personal stories of success and how supported internships create opportunities. Hear from supported internships graduates, employers, local authorities, parents and carers, and providers.

Moderators: Harry Georgiou and Julie Pointer.

Panellists: Kieran Jones, SI graduate, Chris Smith, Blackpool LA Activity Lead, Warren Orton, SI graduate Ruth Melvin-Neil, Parent, Louise Saunders, Group Safety, Health and Wellbeing Project Manager and EmployAbility Programme Lead at National Grid.

11:45	Panel 2: Challenges & Opportunities
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What still needs to happen to make Supported Internships sustainable? Funding, employer engagement, public awareness, and quality assurance.

Moderator: Richard Kirkup, Children & Young People Programme Lead, NDTi.

Panellists: Ruth Perry, Senior Policy Manager, NATSPEC, Katie Parlett, CEO at Lighthouse Futures Trust, Rebecca King, Employer Engagement, Weston College, James Anderson, North Tyneside LA Activity Lead.
(More panellists to be confirmed.)

12:10	Internships Work: A DfE Commissioned Programme–Ministerial Keynote
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12:20	Panel 3: Practical Solutions & Next Steps
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How local authorities, employers, and providers can collaborate to sustain and expand high-quality Supported Internships.

Moderators: The British Association of Supported Employment (BASE).

Panellists: Keith Bates, Director at Mutually Inclusive Partnerships, Marius Frank, Co-Head of Education at Microlink PC, David Holloway, Senior Policy Manager - SEND at the Association of Colleges (AoC).
(More panellist to be confirmed)

12:50	Closing Remarks
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