NDTi and the British Association for Supported Employment (BASE) have been awarded a grant by the Department for Education to work together on a new project called ‘Employment is Everyone’s Business’. The project’s overall aim is to improve employment outcomes for young people with special educational needs and disabilities and it is funded for one year to March 2016. We will be working with four sites across England that are already doing work on improving pathways to employment for this group of young people who are NEET (not in employment, education or training).

The idea is to demonstrate how:

- vocational profiling can be embedded in the curriculum, education, health and care plans and reviews as well as careers advice
- post 16 providers can develop effective employer engagement strategies and study programmes that facilitate young people moving into employment
- local authorities are ensuring the needs of young people with special educational needs and disabilities and those who are NEET are at the heart of their employment, economic, housing,
What help will each area receive?

• Up to 8 days of consultancy support over nine months to enable them to further develop their employment pathways for young people.
• Support to develop their project plans
• Help set agreed targets and gather baseline information to measure progress
• Support for schools and colleges, employers and others to increase understanding and commitment across sectors about what works in getting young people into work.

Learning from the project:

The project is funded until March 2016. The aim is to provide information and examples of effective practice in supported employment activities through the SEND Pathfinder Preparing for Adulthood programme. Short guides and case studies will be made available on the Preparing for Adulthood and BASE websites

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