

West Cheshire College

LEAP2WORK Project and Beacon Award for Inclusive Learning

Recent figures from The Office for National Statistics show that you're more than twice as likely to be unemployed if you have a disability. West Cheshire College has been tackling this statistic with its LEAP2WORK scheme. It supports young people with learning difficulties or disabilities (LDD) into supported work experience or paid employment.

The College works with local schools, employment agencies and employers to provide assistance and support to students with LDD. Whilst at school, students are encouraged to think of their future career paths and what job they would like to do. At the College they are given mentors and job coaches to help identify work placements in their area of interest, giving students a taster of working life. Once they have gained their qualification, many students move on to paid employment with the continued support of an employment officer and their employer.

LEAP2WORK has provided a completely new way of delivering learning to students at the college with 'bite-sized' learning mixed with real employment opportunities and it has been a great success.

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Introduction to the college and project.

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