

Project Search: A Proposal

Benefits to The Manchester College

- The project would demonstrate in a very practical, high profile way, the college's long-standing commitment to providing a quality service to learners with LD
- Being a major partner in Project Search would generate positive national and local publicity re: disability and enhance our reputation as a provider of high quality courses for LD

This project is hi- profile nationally, backed by central government Office of Disability, DWP, LSC (and YPLA) and is part of the **Valuing Employment Now (2009)** strategy

- The project is innovative and will be a pilot for national roll-out; it will attract attention of other colleges nationally who take up the project in future.
- The project would extend and build on existing successful partnerships with Manchester Learning Disability Partnership (MLDP), Pure Innovations (supported employment provider), the corridor employers (Central M/Cr University Hospitals Foundation Trust / Uni of MCR)
- The Manchester College is the **first** choice of the other partners; if we don't adopt the project by Easter, it will be offered to other local colleges/ special schools
- This project would add a new, high quality, innovative course to our existing specialist suite of courses and attract new learners to the college
- The project would lead to better progression routes – providing realistic pathways into employment for college leavers with LD, where there is little else of quality available locally
- The college does not have to find accommodation for these learners, as the host business () have committed to this for the full duration of the course
- The learners would be piloting a new Foundation Learning qualification:
- **Cert in Personal Progress thro' Employment E3**

Benefits of Project Search to Manchester

Reduction in numbers/costs of young people with LD needing Social Services day care following college

Increases in % of people with learning difficulties in employment locally

Reduction in benefits costs

Reduction in NEET figures locally

Benefits to host employers

Benefits to local host employers, gaining skilled, reliable staff for hard to fill/ high turnover positions

Increases in positive perceptions and levels of awareness of disability within the host workforce

Increases in performance/ attendance of work colleagues of the trainees