**Disability Rights UK**

[**https://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/careers-and-work-disabled-people#ten**](https://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/careers-and-work-disabled-people#ten)

**Disability organisations that help jobseekers**

There are many organisations that help disabled jobseekers. Some can help people with any kind of impairment and others will help people with specific impairments. This is just a selection, but it is worth asking other disability organisations about any schemes they offer for jobseekers.

**RNID**
9 Bakewell Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough, PE2 6XU

Tel: 0808 808 0123  Textphone: 0808 808 9000
SMS: 0780 0000 360
Email: informationline@rnid.org.uk
Website: [www.rnid.org.uk](http://www.rnid.org.uk/)

Action on Hearing Loss can provide specific information and advice to deaf or hearing-impaired jobseekers.

**Blind in Business (BIB)**
59 Carter Lane, London, EC4V 5AQ

Tel: 020 7588 1885
Email: info@blindinbusiness.org.uk
Website: [www.blindinbusiness.co.uk](http://www.blindinbusiness.co.uk/)

Blind in Business provides a range of services to both undergraduates/graduates and employers to ease the transition between education and employment for visually impaired individuals. BIB works through the whole application process, from supplying recruitment materials and vacancy information in a range of formats, to providing specialist seminars and advice. All the services are free and available to any visually impaired young person looking for work.

**Disability Action (Northern Ireland)**
Head Office, Portside Business Park, 189 Airport Road West, Belfast BT3 9ED

Tel: 028 9029 7880
Email: hq@disabilityaction.org
Website: [www.disabilityaction.org](http://www.disabilityaction.org/)

Disability Action's Employment and Training Service offers information and support for people with disabilities, to help them find and stay in work or vocational training. They also provide disability and diversity awareness training to employers, organisations, businesses and other interested agencies.

**Leonard Cheshire**
66 South Lambeth Road, London SW8 1RL

Tel: 020 3242 0200
Email: info@leonardcheshire.org
Website: [www.leonardcheshire.org](http://www.leonardcheshire.org/)

Range of services to help disabled people into work and business including skills training in computers, accessible media and supporting disabled to run their own businesses.

**Papworth Employment Programmes**
1 Saxongate, Bradbury Place, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE29 3RR

Tel: 01480 357200
Email: info@papworthtrust.org.uk
Website: [www.papworthtrust.org.uk/work](http://www.papworthtrust.org.uk/work)

Various programmes supporting disabled people who are long-term unemployed, as well as those who have acquired a disability as a result of a workplace injury, serious illness or a road traffic accident. Workplace evaluation, job searching, job analysis and matching and access to Jobcentre Plus programmes where relevant. Papworth delivers most of its services in the East of England; Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire and Suffolk.

**Employment Service – National Autistic Society**
393 City Road, London EC1V 1NG

Tel: 020 7704 7450

Email: employment.training@nas.org.uk
Website: [www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk/)

Only specialised employment service for people with Asperger syndrome and autism in the UK. Helps with work preparation and also provides support in the workplace.

**Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)**

105 Judd Street, London WC1H 9NE

Helpline: 0303 123 9999
Email: helpline@rnib.org.uk
Website: [www.rnib.org.uk/advice/equality-rights-employment](http://www.rnib.org.uk/advice/equality-rights-employment)

The RNIB provides information and advice to blind and partially sighted jobseekers. It also runs the Trainee Grade Scheme (TGS) offering paid work experience. You should contact your local RNIB Employment and Student Support Network for further information.

**Scope**
Here East Press Centre, 14 East Bay Lane, London, E15 2GW

Tel: 0808 800 3333
Email: helpline@scope.org.uk
Web: [www.scope.org.uk/work/employment](http://www.scope.org.uk/work/employment)

Scope's employment services support disabled people in gaining employment in large corporations, public sector bodies and local employers. They run employment programmes in several regions including East London, Cumbria, North Wales, Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Scope also provides independent careers advice for young disabled people aged between 16 and 25.

**Shaw Trust**
Black Country House, Rounds Green Road, Oldbury, B69 2DG
Website: [www.shaw-trust.org.uk](http://www.shaw-trust.org.uk/)
Email: Complete the online form

Provides training and work opportunities for people who are disadvantaged in the labour market due to disability, health or other social circumstances. Many of their services are tailored to the requirements of people who have experienced a mental health condition or who have a learning disability.

**Trailblazers**

Web: [www.whizz-kidz.org.uk](http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk/)

Trailblazers is a campaign group of more than 800 young disabled people. They aim to fight the social injustices experienced by young disabled people and to ensure they can gain access to education and employment.

**11. Disability Rights UK publications and helpline**

**Disability Rights UK Student Helpline**

For further information on the above and the support that is available for disabled students, please contact the [Disabled Students Helpline](https://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/how-we-can-help/helplines/disabled-students-helpline):

Tel: **0330 995 0414**

Tues & Thurs 11.00am-1.00pm

Email: students@disabilityrightsuk.org

The helpline provides free information and advice to disabled students in England, their parents, carers and key advisers about opportunities in post-16 education and training. This includes further and higher education and apprenticeships. We also provide general information on the Equality Act as it applies to education.

We produce a range of factsheets covering these subjects and frequently asked questions which you can access through our website at [disabilityrightsuk.org](https://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/). All our [factsheets](https://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/how-we-can-help/benefits-information/factsheets) are free to download.

**Into Apprenticeships**

Our *Into Apprenticeships* guide deals with common questions such as how to find an apprenticeship, whether the training will be accessible and what support is available in the workplace. There are several inspiring stories written by disabled apprentices about their own experiences and the challenges they have faced. The guide also contains a useful resources section listing further websites, publications and organisations which can help. You can download this from [our website](https://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/how-we-can-help/publications/doing-life-differently-series/doing-careers-differently).

**Doing Careers Differently**

*Doing Careers Differently*, the latest publication in the Doing Life Differently series, vividly demonstrates that disability does not mean a career dead end. Inspiring personal stories from disabled models and actors, media professionals, senior managers and entrepreneurs show that it is possible to make work meaningful and at the same time, earn a decent wage.

With sections covering education and training, mentoring, personal development, internships, interviews, networking (including online networking do’s and don’ts) and what to do about disclosing a disability to an employer. With a host of useful websites and information on practical support such as the Access to Work scheme, this comprehensive guide will be enormously helpful. Not only for people who are just starting out but also for those rethinking their career or who want some inspiration and ideas to make the most of their working lives. The guide outlines equality legislation around employment but also explains how to deal with difficult situations and difficult people day to day, without having to resort to the law.

Doing Careers Differently however shows it is not impossible even in a difficult economic climate – and also that, in the long term, a satisfying career is about a lot more than just a big pay cheque. You can download this from [our website](https://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/how-we-can-help/publications/doing-life-differently-series/doing-careers-differently).

**12. Other useful contacts**

**Disability Wales / Anabledd Cymru**
Brydon House, Block B, Caerphilly Business Park, Van Road Caerphilly CF83 3ED

Tel: 029 2088 7325
Email: info@disabilitywales.org
Website: [www.disabilitywales.org](http://www.disabilitywales.org/)

Provides a range of services to disabled people living in Wales.

**Equality and Human Rights Commission**
Website: [www.equalityhumanrights.com](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/)

The EHRC website has lots of information and guidance on equality issues and disabled people’s rights in employment

**Business Disability Forum**

Nutmeg House, 60 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NY

Tel 020 7403 3020   Textphone: 020 7403 0040

Email: enquiries@businessdisabilityforum.org.uk

Website: <http://businessdisabilityforum.org.uk/>

For information about Business Disability Forum see section 3 Finding disability-friendly employers.

**icould**
Website: [www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com/)

The icould video library is a collection of films featuring young people sharing their career stories. It showcases the huge range of creative possibilities at work.

**Guardian Jobs**
Website: [http://jobs.guardian.co.uk](http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/)

Job advertisements and other resources for job seekers.

**Jobcentre Plus**
For details of your local Jobcentre Plus office you can look in your local phonebook.

**Prince’s Trust**
The Prince's Trust South London Centre
8 Park Glade Path, London SE1 8EG

Tel: 0800 842 842    Textphone: 020 7543 1374
Fax: 020 7543 1200
Email: Complete online form
Website: [www.princes-trust.org.uk](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/)

**Prospects**
Website: [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/)

Comprehensive guide to graduate jobs, careers and post graduate study. Contains a database of employers, job vacancies and useful information about a variety of careers.

**Loud Minority**
The Loud Minority website [www.loudminority.co.uk](http://www.loudminority.co.uk/) has lots of video case studies of disabled people in employment, including three videos of disabled teachers from the Skill Into Teaching project.

**UKVISE**
[www.magill.co.uk/ukvijobs](http://www.magill.co.uk/ukvijobs)

Internet discussion group for blind and partially sighted people involved with setting-up or running a small business.

**Career Services**
National Careers Service

Telephone: 0800 100 900
[https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/)

**Careers Service Northern Ireland**
Telephone: 0300 200 7820
[www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers)

**Careers Wales**
Telephone: 0800 028 4844
[https://careerswales.gov.wales](https://careerswales.gov.wales/)

**Skills Development Scotland**
Telephone: 0141 285 6000
[www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk](http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/)

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