

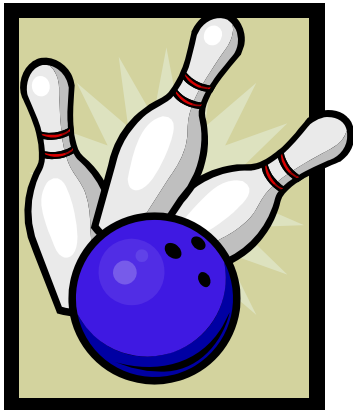
WEST *Newsletter*

WEST aim to support people with Learning Disabilities living in Wiltshire find and sustain paid employment with local employers.

We have a team of Job Coaches who provide the support for you to make decisions about employment and to explore opportunities available in your local area. We aim is to support you in matching your skills to jobs that are available.

What is Employment?

- A job that needs doing by someone that is missed if it is not done
- Something with rights and responsibilities
- An opportunity to learn new skills
- A way to earn money
- A chance to contribute
- An opportunity to take a risk
- A way to change things



What is not Employment?

- Something you do not get paid for
- Attending an activity
- No one would notice if it wasn't done
- It doesn't matter if you go or not

Did you know?

In July 08 the WEST team supported 2 people to change their jobs. With one of them increasing their hours from part-time to full-time.

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Meet Peter. . . .

- Peter works at County Hall in Trowbridge for **Wiltshire County Council** as a meet and greet
- Peter worked with Shaw Trust under a recent WCC/ESF funded Capacity Building Contract which ran for 15 months
- The contract enabled clients to trial work experience placements in the public sector, including WCC
- The work placement was a great success and developed into paid work
- The job was based on a business need that the County Council had that they wanted to fulfil
- Peter works as a Reception Assistant: County Hall is a large building and has a lot of visitors throughout the day. He works as a 'meet and greet' welcoming visitors to County Hall, he takes people to the correct meeting rooms and helps out in the conference & Development centre
- Wiltshire County Council took a positive approach towards employing Peter and looked upon the job both creatively and flexibly to accommodate Peter's skills
- Peter has been with the council since November 2007
- He travels to work by bus from his home town of Bradford-on-Avon
- Frank his manager provides ongoing support for Peter
- Wiltshire County Council have had great feedback from both customers and WCC course facilitators
- Peter is a valued member of the team and adds value to their service



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Look out for the next edition in December