

## **DurhamWorks SEND Pathways – FirstSteps**

[Text: Employment Pathways for young people with Special Education Needs and Disabilities.]

[Text: Change can be scary. It is for everyone.]

[Image: Young people sitting in a classroom.]

[Female narrator]: Change can be scary, it is for everyone and moving from education into the world of work is one of the biggest changes you'll experience.

[Female narrator]: But even though it can be scary, it can also be very exciting time.

[Image: Cityscape with a flower in the foreground.]

[Female narrator]: You might be thinking “why would I even want to get a job?”

[Female narrator]: Well, having a job can bring lots of opportunities

[Image: Young persons face with a question mark next to it. The question mark turns into a cloud which shows the faces of people, a house and keys, and bank notes.]

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[Image: Cityscape of buildings which young people appear in front of.]

[Female narrator]: If you're a young person in county Durham with special educational needs and disabilities we want to help you as you start to think about finding a job you enjoy.

[Text: We want to help you find a job you enjoy.]

[Text: Where to begin?]

[Female narrator]: So, where's the best place to begin? It's a great idea to start asking people your trust, such as friends and family for advice.

[Image: Young persons face with the words “Friends,” Family” around it. The words are then replaced with faces which then becomes a lightbulb.]

[Female narrator]: Learning from other people knowledge and experience can be useful when it comes to making your own decisions.

[Image: A school followed by faces with the words “Teachers” and “Career Advisor or Progression Worker” below them.]

[Female narrator]: If you're at schoolteacher's careers advisors and progression workers can help you think about the different options available to you.

[Text: Work Experience]

[Image: A work experience diary showing pictures and text.]

[Female narrator]: For lots of people, this their first chance to what it like to be in a real workplace,

[Text: Secondary school isn't your only chance to do work expertise. Finding work experience is something you can do at any stage.]

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[Image; Two people talking using voice bubbles.]

[Female narrator]: You may also get the change to go to careers fair.

[Text: A careers fair is an event where you can talk to people to find out about all kinds of jobs.]

[Image: A sign saying "Open Day" outside a factory.]

[Text: Most schools will arrange visits to colleges.]

[Image: A young person with a thought bubble next to their head, joined by another young person with an exclamation mark over their head, then joined by a third person with a question mark over their head.]

[Female narrator]: All of these things help you to think about what your next steps after school will be, Some people might have decided on a job and know what they need to do to get there Other people take a while to figure out what job they would enjoy doing, that's totally normal just yet!

[Text: That's totally normal!]

[Text: So don't worry if you're sure what you'd like to do just yet!]

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