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Feedback from Education, training and employment workshops.

How to get ready for a job.







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Mel from the Leicestershire Adult Learning Service did the first presentation.

In the workshop we thought about 3 questions

- what can be the good things (benefits) about learning new skills?
- if you go on a course what other benefits could there be?
- what skills could you learn to help you to get a job?



Self advocates feedback

What are the good things (benefits) about learning new skills ?



- Impress someone with your new skills.
- Get more confident.
- Be proud of yourself.
- Make other people be proud of you.
- Build on what you know already.



If you go on a course what other benefits could there be?

- Meet other people and make new friends.
- Be with other people who want to learn too.



- Learning in the classroom which is an supportive place.
- Gives you ideas about different types of jobs you could do.





What skills could you learn to help you get a job?

• Time keeping.



• Learning to be safe at work.



• Travel training and learning bus routes.



• Being clean and tidy - looking smart and making sure you wear the right clothes for the job.





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• Speaking up for yourself.

Listening.

• Learn to look after yourself.

• Learn to write an application form for a job.

• Learn about going to a job interview.

• How to look after your money.



Family carers and Professionals feedback

What are the good things (benefits) about learning new skills ?

- Helps with confidence.
- Opens up new opportunities.
- Taking risks in a safe place.
- Helps you think about learning new things.
- Learning out side the classroom like work experience.
- Help you think about how you do things now and how you could change things
- Helps you build on the skills you already have
- It helps you think about the future and what you may want for yourself.





If you go on a course what other benefits could there be?



Meeting other people

•Helps you get better to talking and listening to other people in a supportive place. Get more confident and help you think good things about yourself(develops self worth).

•Learn skills which you can use in many other places (transferable skills).

•Be with people who all want to learn the same things.

•Help you build on skills you already have.

•Travel training.











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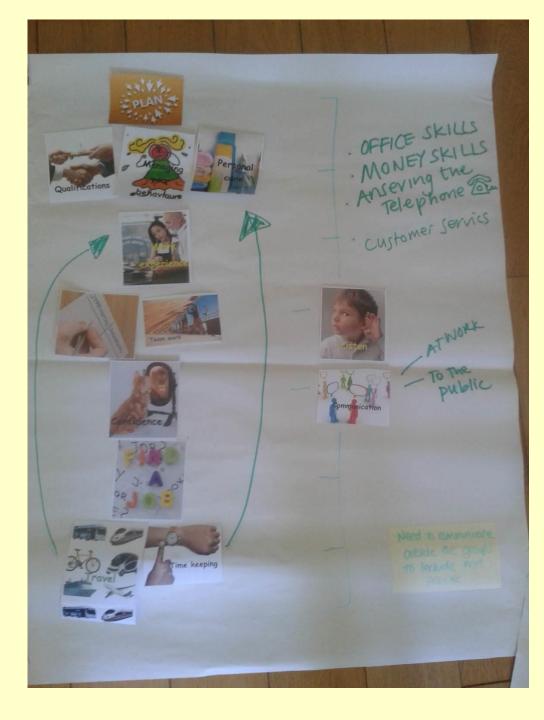
Homefield College staff and Students did the second presentation.

In the workshop, the self advocates were asked to think what was the most important things they needed when thinking about getting a job.

All the groups had different ideas of what was the most important. Dawn told us that everyone was right. Learning the skills to get a job was different for everyone.

The family carers and professionals had a talk about going to college and getting a job. They wrote down some of their concern and worries.









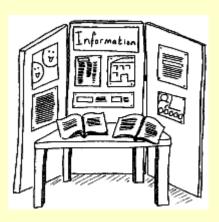






Family carers and professional said

 They were worried that lots of people with learning disabilities go to college but very few ever got a paid job.
Lots of students at Homefield will go on to unpaid or voluntary work, further education and day services.



Homefield was also worried by the lack of jobs after students have left college. Homefield have put on an event to show parents what is available once students leave college. The event had lots of information from other colleges, employment services and day services.



• Funding cuts mean that fewer social workers are able to go to leavers reviews.



 Vicky told us about work placements at Homefield and the support given to ex-students to try and help them to get jobs.



Everyone agreed that we need to get employers to see that it was a good thing to give people with learning disabilities a chance to have a paid job.



Everyone agreed that going to work was very meaningful for the individuals. But it can cost a lot of money out of your personal budget to pay for a PA to support you to do voluntary work. It was suggested that people with learning disabilities could share a PA so it would cost them each less.