

Enable people with learning disabilities to participate in all forms of employment, wherever possible in paid work, and to make a valued contribution to the world of work.

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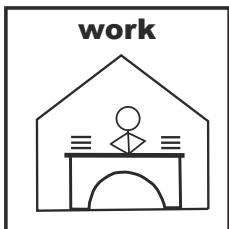
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This chapter gives details of the people who can help you find a job, a work placement or voluntary work. They might also be able to help you with preparing for work or getting support when you are in a job.

Employment and Training

Disability Service Team and Jobcentre

The Disability Service Team is a specialised team within the Employment Service for people with a disability. A Disability Employment Adviser (DEA) from this team is based in each Jobcentre and will advise on all aspects of funding and employment, suitable jobs, occupational assessments, useful equipment, work preparation, training and Workstep.

For further information contact your local Jobcentre – these are listed in the phone book in the business section under ‘Employment Services’. The referral process for LEODIS, Remploy and Roseville Enterprises – see below – is through the Disability Service Team.

- Disability Service Team, 1st Floor, Dyson Chambers, 12–14 Briggate, Leeds LS1 6EP ☎ 215 5289 📠 215 5194 Minicom 215 5295
- 🌐 www.employmentservices.gov.uk



- *Saul Rubin (Access Worker for Change) working on a video project.*

● **LEODIS (Leeds Employment Opportunities Disability)**

LEODIS oversees the supported employment (Workstep) programme for all Leeds City Council's supported employees, both in workshops and in placements in departments. They offer advice on employment matters, and also look at offering awareness training. Referral is through a Disability Employment Adviser.

→ **Bev Lynch (Supported Employment Development Officer), LEODIS, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 4HT ☎ 214 5810 📠 214 5808 Minicom: 214 5807**

● **Remploy Ltd.**

Remploy bridges the gap between open employment and fully sheltered jobs. The Leeds factory is concerned with contract packaging and recycling of white goods such as fridges or washing machines.

→ **David Liddle (Manager), Remploy Ltd., Manor Mill Lane, Millshaw, Leeds LS11 8DF ☎ 272 6970 📠 272 6921**

● **Roseville Enterprises**

Roseville Enterprises provide supported employment opportunities for disabled people. Their activities include the manufacture of PVCu windows, high security doors, computer recycling and refurbishment, pine furniture, soft furnishings and curtains as well as commercial laundry.

→ **Harry Peacock (Manager), Roseville Enterprises, 65 Roundhay Road, Leeds LS7 3BQ ☎ 214 3144 📠 214 3154**

● **Leeds Pathway Employment Service**

Leeds Pathway is part of Mencap's Education and Employment Business Unit and aims to support people with learning difficulties into meaningful work opportunities. These range from permitted work activities to part-time or full-time work, with the opportunity of earning the going rate for the work.

People are assessed, given in-depth individual training and prepared for work as well as offered support with confidence building, benefits advice, filling in application forms and attending interviews. The scheme offers support when people start work and this continues for as long as they are in employment.

- For further enquiries or to make a referral please ring ☎ 266 5200
Emma Hayes (Manager), Leeds Pathway Employment Service,
Alexandra House, Well Lane, Chapel Allerton, Leeds LS74PQ
☎ 266 5200 📠 266 5277 ✉ pathway.leeds@virgin.net
🌐 www.mencap.org.uk

● Meanwood Valley Urban Farm

This community project provides environmental education services to schools, and training and development programmes to long-term unemployed people and adults with learning disabilities. The training incorporates literacy, numeracy, horticulture and agriculture. The 14 acre city farm is open every day to visitors (café closed Mondays).

For work experience through Leeds Pathway Employment Service contact:

- Sue Reddington (Farm Director), Meanwood Valley Urban Farm,
Sugarwell Road, Meanwood, Leeds LS7 2QG ☎ 262 9759 📠 239 2551
✉ info@mvuf.org.uk 🌐 www.mvf-leeds.org.uk

● Roseville Work Development Unit

Roseville provides a structured work environment for adults with learning disabilities who wish, but are not yet ready to, enter open employment. It aims to increase independence and work experience of those who attend. This is done by offering on-the-job training in a near realistic work environment within a supportive atmosphere.

- Jean Eastwood (Manager), Roseville Work Development Unit,
65 Roundhay Road, Leeds LS7 3BQ ☎ 235 1431

● Shadwell Horticultural Training Project

This project provides a specialised day service for people with a wide range of learning and physical disabilities. There are opportunities to become involved in different types of gardening activities. The scheme also offers pre-NVQ and NVQ Level 1 in Commercial Horticulture, both run in association with Park Lane College.

- Steve McLaren/Gary Williams (Project Co-ordinator),
Shadwell Horticultural Training Project, Greenscapes Nursery,
Brandon Crescent, Shadwell, Leeds LS17 9JH ☎ 289 3716

● UR in Business

This is part of United Response. They work for Leeds United Football Club. The contract is to clean the stadium after every home match. They offer training where necessary, and will shortly be offering a vocational training course in cleaning (BICS). Hours are flexible and can be changed to fit people's needs.

- David Bailey (Contracts Co-ordinator), UR in Business,
113 – 123 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, London SW15 2TL
☎ 07989 479233 📠 01427 728 583 Minicom:020 8785 1706
✉ david.bailey@united-response.co.uk 🌐 www.united-response.co.uk

● Rathbone

Rathbone delivers N.V.Q training in childcare, retail and warehousing, Information Technology, business administration and catering through work-based learning.

- John Turner (Centre Manager), Rathbone, 4th Floor, Wade House,
Merrion Centre, Leeds LS2 8NG ☎ 389 9000 📠 389 9019
✉ johnturner2@connectfree.co.uk

● Joseph Priestley College

The College runs courses that are designed to give learners the opportunity to gain skills for supported employment – see entry page 94.

Voluntary Work

If you are not sure about moving into employment it is possible to do voluntary work from just a few hours a week. Organisations like Pathway will be able to offer you advice, or you could try [Leeds Volunteer Bureau](#) – see page 114.



Further Help and Advice

● Access to Work

This scheme is run by the Employment Service and is geared towards assisting people with disabilities to overcome any practical difficulties they may have in the workplace. For example, the scheme can assist by helping to pay for:

- a communicator if you are deaf or have a hearing impairment
- a reader at work, if you are blind or have a visual impairment
- special equipment to suit your practical work needs, if you need it because of a disability.

To apply for Access to Work help, contact your local Jobcentre who will put you in touch with someone from the **Disability Service Team** – see page 138.

● Careers Guidance and Connexions

If you would like to discuss what type of job or career you want, there is a careers advisory service have workers that can help you – see page 44.

● Benefits Advice

If you want a job, it does not need to affect your benefits. For advice on benefits for people who are working – see pages 136.