

Raising the aspirations and employment prospects of young people with learning disabilities

At the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities, we believe that young people with learning disabilities have the right to a working life and this must be embedded early on.

Only 5.8% of people with learning disabilities are in work. Most say they want a job and want to be independent.

When I Grow Up (WIGU) project aimed to increase work expectations, aspirations and opportunities for students with learning disabilities in schools and colleges.

The FREE training pack was developed through work at schools and colleges over the last four years. This training pack is an essential toolkit for schools, enabling young people with learning disabilities to start their journey to a first job.



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When I grow up



Embedding the WIGU workshops and materials in the school curriculum helped young people to think about work.

The programme is delivered as a series of 10 workshops which are designed to supplement the existing employment-focused activity at school, while also developing a conversation with families and engagement with employers.



Please visit our website and download the Facilitators Handbook which is designed to embed employment in the curriculum. You can download all materials for free at:

www.mentalhealth.org.uk/learning-disabilities

To read more about the other outcomes of the programme, please refer to the 'When I Grow Up' Need2Know project summary (www.mentalhealth.org.uk/learning-disabilities/wigu).

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