

Key Programmes and Organisations Supporting Employment and ATech

- **National Employment & Transition Programmes**
 - Supported Internships (DfE): Structured programmes for young people aged 16 to 24 with an EHCP, combining education with sustained workplace placements and job coaching.
 - Connect to Work: Part of the Government's employment reform agenda aimed at supporting disabled people and those with health conditions into sustained work, often delivered regionally.
 - Individual Placement and Support (IPS): An evidence-based supported employment model used particularly within health services, focusing on rapid placement and ongoing support.
- **Funding and Adjustment Mechanisms**
 - Access to Work (DWP): Provides grants for workplace adjustments, including assistive technology, job coaching and specialist equipment.
 - Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA): For students in higher education, DSA funds specialist equipment and support, including assistive software, during post-18 education.
- **Sector Bodies and Professional Standards**
 - BASE (British Association for Supported Employment): Promotes quality standards and fidelity in supported employment practice, including job coach training and employer engagement.
 - Natspec: Membership body for specialist further education colleges supporting young people with learning difficulties and disabilities, including assistive technology expertise.
 - Association of Colleges (AoC): Supports further education providers, relevant to mainstream embedding of accessibility in post-16 settings.
- **Employer and Transition-Focused Support**
 - Careers & Enterprise Company (Post-16 Work): Supports employer engagement and careers readiness in colleges and sixth forms.
 - Disability Confident Scheme: Government-backed initiative encouraging employers to recruit and retain disabled people, including through workplace adjustments.
- **Technology & Specialist Support**
 - Ace Centre (Post-16 Assessments): Provides specialist assessment and advice on assistive communication technology for young people transitioning to employment.
 - Karten Network Centres: Offer access to assistive technology training and facilities across the UK.