

Support from In Business

The In Business programme at the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities offers a range of consultancy support, resources and tools to create exciting opportunities for people with a learning disability.

We can help local authorities, support organisations, individuals and families by offering:

- Interactive workshops
- Awareness raising
- Capacity building training for staff teams
- Solutions to PSA 16
- Development of business circles
- Innovation and invention activities
- Business support
- Personal planning

About the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities

We promote the rights, quality of life and opportunities of people with learning disabilities and their families. We do this by working with people with learning disabilities, their families and those who support them.

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 - Support organisations
 - Individuals
 - Families
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About the In Business programme

There are an estimated 800,000 adults with learning disabilities of working age, of which only 11% have a paid job, often a part time one. Despite this, many people express an interest in exploring work opportunities. One less frequently explored option is that of self employment.

The In Business project set out to explore the route to self employment and small business ownership for those people with learning disabilities interested in an alternative path to work.

It sought to capture the journey to enterprise with particular focus on innovation, business planning and development and service delivery change.

In Business piloted a number of sites across England that reflected Local Authority and Voluntary Sector settings as well as urban and rural economics.



In Business - the route to self employment

1 Think about self employment



People set up their own business for lots of different reasons.

Mary-Jane became self employed after trying to get a job for a long time.


2 Have a good idea



Ideas for business can come from anywhere, a hobby or an interest but, they need to be based on what customers will want.

Delroy realised that no-one was recycling plastic in his area.

3 Plan the business



You need to think carefully about your idea, the customers, costs and how much you could earn.

Graham used the In Business workbooks and guides to get started.

4 Get the right support



Most people need some support to set up their business.

David joined a RED workshop to develop a business plan and a business circle. He now grows and sells plants.

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