Employment and Disability

This factsheet is aimed at employers and potential employees and those looking to continue working.

JobCentrePlus (part of the Department for Work and Pensions) web: www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk

Services for people with disabilities and employers including special schemes, including the Access to Work scheme, to assist with the funding of equipment, adaptations and transport.

The service is organised regionally in disability services teams. Contact your local Disability Services Team Manager through your local JobCentrePlus.

Disability Law Service

39-45 Cavell Street, London E1 2BP

tel: 020 7791 9800 text: 020 7791 9801

email: advice@dls.org.uk

Charity that offers free legal advice and a casework service to disabled people, their enablers, families and other organisations.

Disability Rights Commission

DRC Helpline, Freepost MID 02164, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9HY

text: 08457 622644 email: enquiry@dra a 08457 622633 tel:

web: www.drc-gb.org email: enquiry@drc-qb.org

Advice on the Disability Discrimination Act and discrimination at work

EDIT (Enabling Disabled people through Information Technology) The Centre Manager, Unit 10, Burslem Enterprise Centre, Moorland Road, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST6 1JQ. tel: 01782 836 002

Seeks to improve the job prospects of disabled people by providing free training in IT and other business skills. Have centres in Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Lincolnshire.

Employers Forum on Disability

Nutmeg House, 60 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NY.

tel: 020 7403 3020 text: 020 7403 0040

web: www.employers-forum.co.uk

email: website.enquiries@employers-forum.co.uk

The national employers' organisation dealing exclusively with disability and employment. Non-profit, funded by members. Some excellent publications with guidance based on research. Regular journal, "Update". Introductory literature can be mailed.

Employment Opportunities

123 Minories, London, EC3N 1NT tel/text: 020 7481 2727

web: www.opportunities.org.uk email: eopps.ho@care4free.net

National charity helping people with disabilities find and retain work. Also provide a range of support and advice to employers on disability and employment issues.

Equality Direct

tel/text: 0845 600 3444

web: www.equalitydirect.org.uk

Advice and guidance service for business managers on a range of employment equality topics, including disability.

Jobability

web: www.jobability.com

The jobability.com web site is a collective partnership between Leonard Cheshire, Microsoft UK Ltd, and totaljobs.com. The web site gives disabled people access to a wide variety of jobs as well as career advice.

Leonard Cheshire Workability

30 Millbank, London SW1 4QD

tel: 020 7802 8283

email: workability@london.leonard-cheshire.org.uk

web: www.leonard-cheshire.org.

Aims to break down barriers that can exist for disabled people in the search for work, and to provide disabled people with the skills and support needed to gain access to training and employment.

Princes Trust

18 Park Square East, London NW1 4LH

tel: 0800 842842 text: 020 7543 1374

web: www.princes-trust.org.uk email: info@princes-trust.org.uk

Helps 14-30 year olds to develop confidence, learn new skills and get into work.

RADAR (Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation)

12 City Forum, 250 City Road, London EC1V 8AF. tel: 020 7250 3222 text: 020 7250 4119 web: www.radar.org.uk email: radar@radar.org.uk

Services include publications and advice on employment and employment issues.

Remploy

tel: 0800 1387656

web: www.remploy.co.uk email: info@remploy.co.uk

Aim to expand employment opportunities for disabled people. Its Interwork service helps people in finding work, either within Remploy or by providing the support necessary to facilitate employment in an external company.

RNIB (Royal National Institute of the Blind)

Education & Employment Information Centre, 105 Judd Street, London, WC1H 9NE

tel: 020 7388 1266

web: www.rnib.org.uk email: helpline@rnib.org.uk

Helps visually impaired people to find, keep or progress in suitable jobs. Can help get the skills necessary to compete in the job market, and raise awareness amongst employers about the contribution people with sight problems can make.

RNID (Royal National Institute for Deaf People)

Employment, Learning & Skills Service, 19-23 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8SL

tel: 020 7296 8000 text: 020 7296 8001

web: www.rnid.org.uk email: informationline@rnid.org.uk

Advice for hearing impaired people and employers. Help with training and job placements as well as employment.

Sabre Employment Ltd

Unit 1 - 3 Deptford Park Business Centre, Grinstead Road, London SE8 5AD

tel: 020 8305 6060 text: 020 8305 6066/67

web: www.sabre-employment.co.uk email: info@sabre-employment.co.uk

Charity that places people with disabilities into employment, whose aim is to provide creative and sustainable solutions for recruitment and retention of people with disabilities.

For consultancy and to discuss any training needs, please contact the Buckinghamshire office:

Sally Baker, Business Development Consultant, Alborough Lodge, 107 Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, SL9 8JD

tel: 01753 880803 email: sally.baker@sabre-employment.co.uk

SCOPE (for people with cerebral palsy)

Employment Support Services Agency, Scope's Employment Services, Sterling House, 10B Harding Way, St. Ives PE17 4WR

tel: 01480 309615 web: www.scope.org.uk

Offer a range of employment services for people with cerebral palsy through a team of Employment Officers.

Shaw Trust

Shaw House, Epsom Square, White Horse Business Park, Trowbridge, Wiltshire. BA14 0XJ.

tel: 01225 716350 text: 08457 697288

web: www.shaw-trust.org.uk email: stir@shaw-trust.org.uk

National charity that provides training and work opportunities for people who are disadvantaged in the workplace due to disability, ill-health or other social circumstances.

Skill

Chapter House, 18-20 Crucifix Lane, London, SE1 3JW tel: 0800 328 5050 text: 0800 068 2422 web: www.skill.org.uk email: info@skill.org.uk

The National Bureau for Students with Disabilities. Promotes opportunities for young people and adults with any kind of disability in post-16 education, training and employment across the UK.

TELEWORKING

Organisations offering advice, information or services on working from home to individuals and/or employers.

British Telecom

web: www.wfh.co.uk

Home-workers.com

web: www.home-workers.com

Homeworking.com

c/o Knowledge Computing, 9 Ashdown Drive, Borehamwood, Herts. WD6 4LZ web: www.homeworking.com email: admin@homeworking.org

The Home Business Alliance

FREEPOST ANG3155, March, Cambridgeshire PE15 9BR

Tel: 0870 749 6321

web: www.homebusiness.org.uk email: info@homebusiness.org.uk

The Institute of Occupational Safety and Health

The Grange, Highfield Drive, Wigston, Leicestershire LE18 1NN

Tel: 0116 257 3100 web: www.iosh.co.uk

Have a free information sheet on teleworking aimed at employers.

The Telework Association

tel: 0800 616 008

web: www.tca.org.uk email: tca@ruralnet.org.uk