By taking part in Project SEARCH you could:

- Learn new skills
- Gain experience of work
- Learn more about working alongside others
- Show others that you are hardworking, reliable, punctual and able to do a good job
- Apply for jobs with local employers using the skills you have learned on the course
- Gain confidence and social skills

What does this mean for my benefits?

- For individual advice please refer to your Job Centre Plus Advisor or Employment Service Officer, the team at Project SEARCH team can provide these contact details

How do I sign up?

Recruitment for 2017/2018 will begin in December 2016.

If you are interested in becoming part of Project SEARCH and would like to note your interest, please contact:

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Project SEARCH is an employment focused education programme based at the University of Aberdeen. Project SEARCH is designed to give ‘Interns’, who are young people with learning disabilities, the opportunity to develop employability skills and get hands on experience in the workplace. Additional work related training is provided through classroom sessions each day.

Project SEARCH programmes are backed by the Scottish Government and locally operated as a business led partnership between the University of Aberdeen, Inspire, North East Scotland College and supported by Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils.

To gain a place on the course Individuals must live in Aberdeen or Aberdeenshire and must have:

- A genuine desire to work with the aim of gaining open employment
- Basic communication skills
- Ability to take direction
- Willing to work with others
- Between the ages of 16 (minimum) to 25 (maximum)
- Independent personal care
- A willingness to travel Independently or undertake travel training if required
- If you live in Aberdeenshire, be involved with Aberdeenshire Council Employment Service

The course provides Interns with the opportunity to choose where they work. They undertake 3 Internships at the University campus over the course of the year, working to real job specifications with on the job support.

Areas of work can include:
- Catering and Retail
- Estates Portering Service
- Library Information Services
- Grounds Maintenance
- Clerical and Administrative
- IT help desk and Computer Set-up
- Audio Visual Service

The Project SEARH day is 7 hours long and includes 2 hours of classroom tutoring and 5 hours of practical work.