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with Disabilities

Top 5 Topics professionals should know about

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Skill's Top 5 Topics

Post-16 Education

- What Post-16 Choices Are There?
- Deciding About and Applying To HE
- What disability-related support might be available?
- Finance
- Social Service Support

1. What choices are there for learners in post-16 education?

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- Further Education (FE) College
 - General qualifications
 - Vocational qualifications
- Work Based Learning e.g. Apprenticeships
- Higher Education
- Open or Distance Learning?
- Part-time or Full-time? Residential?

2. Decisions About Higher Education.

- What courses are the learner interested in?
- What “kind” of institution?
- Attend an Open Day or arrange to visit
- Talk to tutors or current students about the courses
- Talk to the Disabilities Adviser about support
- Disclosing a disability

3. Disability-related support?

- Equipment
- Study support
- Human support e.g. note-taker, library assistant
- Assessment / Exams
- Communicating needs to staff

3. How is disability-related support put in place?

- Students responsible for
 - Communicate your needs
 - Arrange support
 - Knowing timetable
- Disabilities Adviser can help students arrange support and communicate their needs
- Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)

4. Finance

- Student Finance England
 - Maintenance Loan
 - Maintenance Grant
 - Tuition Fees Loan
 - Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)
- Benefits
- Other bursaries

5. Social Services Support?

- Home social services - responsible
- Communication between home social services and social services near university
- What is the responsibility of the university and what is the responsibility of social services?
- Recruiting and arranging personal care

Beyond Skill's Top 5 Topics

- What should I ask when I visit?
- When should I visit and who should I meet?
- Entry requirements, interviews and qualifications
- What happens when I arrive?
- Accommodation
- What are my rights?
- DSA?
- Can I do a year abroad?
- Graduation and Post-graduate study
- Can a disabled person do this course and get this career? YES!

Skill - a resource for professionals and learners

- Helpline details
- Skill booklets
- Skill career guides, the Into... Series
- Into HE...2008

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