

### **INFORMATION SHEET**

Age Group: Adults

Sheet Title: Finding Work

Finding work is important for all of us. A job can be rewarding because it is varied, interesting and provides an opportunity to use particular skills. It can be a place to make friends and develop a social life.

There may be a number of organisations in your area that can help and advise you on finding work.

#### **Prospects**

The National Autistic Society (NAS) has an employment consultancy service called Prospects to help people with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome find work.

Prospects
Unit 8, The Ivories
6/8 Northampton Street
London N1 2HY

Tel: +44 (0)20 7704 7450

Email: prospects@nas.org.uk

or

Prospects Scotland NAS Central Chambers 1st Floor, 109 Hope Street Glasgow G2 6LL



Tel: +44 (0) 141 248 1725 Fax: +44 (0)141 221 8118

## Your employment service - Job Centre

You could contact your local employment service/Job Centre for help. The person you will need to contact is the Disability Employment Advisor (DEA) who works at the Job Centre. You can find the telephone number of the Job Centre in your local telephone book.

## **Training Courses**

Sometimes, the DEA may be able to arrange for you to go on courses that provide training on how to find a job. They may also be able to arrange for you to go on courses to train for a particular skill. Your DEA will be able to give you information on what is available.

#### PACT Assessments

DEAs can arrange for you to have a PACT assessment, which is a series of tests designed to find out what skills you have and what jobs you are likely to be good at.

# Other Organisations

There may be other organisations in your area that can provide job coaches/support workers when you start a job or a work experience placement.

Job coaches are people who can come with you to work and help in a variety of areas.

Your DEA should be able to tell you what other help/organisations are available but you could find out yourself by contacting:

The Association for Supported Employment Pennine View
Gamblesby
Penrith, CA10 1HR
Tale (A4 (0) 4700 004005

Tel: +44 (0) 1768 881225