



Vocational Services - Helping disabled people into work and training

Dorset County Council's Stepping Stones Programme supports disabled people to access voluntary and paid work opportunities. We promote equal treatment of people at work and encourage employees/volunteers to develop their work skills with support from their employer/voluntary organisation. Our aim is to support people in progressing into employment of 16 hours or more per week.

Stepping Stones support is available to people who:

- have a disability as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act "a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities"
- are aged 16 and over and want to access training, voluntary work or paid employment
- are motivated and well enough to access the service
- have considered how paid work may influence other aspects of their life e.g. benefits, transport, social activities etc.
- are willing to agree realistic and achievable goals to find work
- are able to work to the standards required by the employer (after training) and are willing to take part in regular reviews.

Stepping Stones will support people for a maximum of 18 months.

Stepping Stones support does not involve:

- providing housing or detailed benefits advice
- providing social work care, advice on health matters, or legal advice.

For these matters, we will help you identify services more appropriate to your needs.



If you would like further information on this service please contact:
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Compliments and complaints

Adult and Community Services staff in Dorset are committed to providing quality services to our service users, their carers and families. We welcome comments from our service users as this helps us to understand what aspects of our service people like.

If you are unhappy about the service you have received and want to make a complaint, our factsheet 'How to complain' describes the procedure. Our Complaints Officer can give you advice on the process and can be contacted on 01305 224322.

Diversity statement

Diversity is not about treating everyone in the same way, but about recognising and valuing difference, as well as recognising and addressing inequalities and disadvantage.

As an employer and service provider, Dorset County Council seeks to promote an environment that accepts and actively supports diversity in age, gender, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, religious belief, disability, culture, work style and the many other ways in which people differ from each other.

All our factsheets are available in large print and on audio cassette/CD, Braille, Easy to Read or alternative languages. Please contact the Information Office on 01305 224320.

Further information on services provided by Dorset County Council Adult and Community Services can be accessed at www.dorsetforyou.com

