

SEND NEWS SPLASH

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NATIONAL SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP DAY

National Supported Internship Day is the first national celebration of supported internships in the UK. Launched in 2023, by charity DFN Project SEARCH, it is held annually on 27th March.

The day is for everyone – whether you're linked to the business, education or health sectors, local authorities, national government, the public, private and third sectors – to come together and challenge misconceptions and pre-set work cultures that all-too-often unfairly shape the lives of young adults with a learning disability and/or autism across the UK.

The campaign is led by DfN Project SEARCH, a one-year transition to work programme designed to challenge and change cultures, demonstrating how young people with a learning disability can enrich the workforce. Along with the British Association of Supported Employment (BASE), the aim of the day is to double the number of supported internships in England.

For more on DFN Project SEARCH you can view the LocalOffer page: [DFN Project Search | Swindon Borough Council](#)

**DUE TO THE EASTER HOLIDAYS
THE NEXT NEWS SPLASH WILL
BE ON THE 22ND APRIL 2024 -
HAPPY EASTER FROM THE SEND
TEAM!!**



Call the SEND Service on 01793 464641.
Lines are open Monday to Thursday
8am-5pm and 8am-4:30pm on Friday.



Alternatively, you can email SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk.



For more information, please [visit the Meet the SEND Service page](#) on the Local Offer.

The Swindon Local Offer

The Local Offer has now moved location. From the 2nd April 2024, the current Local Offer site will no longer exist and you will need to use the new Local Offer, a sister site on the Swindon Borough Council.

What this means is that we have a new link to get to the services and information that SBC believe are available for Swindon residents between 0-25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, their families and the professionals that work with them.

The link is <https://www.swindon.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer>



All the features are still there but we have improved navigation and have made the site responsive on mobile and tablet platforms, which means it adapts and adjusts to different screen sizes and devices.

We've added menu's for children and young people, parents and carers and professionals, along with an improved service directory so you can get to the information you want faster (see image below)

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[Home](#) [Children and young people](#) [Parent and carers](#) [Professionals](#) [Service directory](#)

Discover Swindon's SEND Local Offer

You can now give feedback on each page, so let us know what you think and any ideas for improvement.

As usual you can also email the Local Offer Development Officer on: localoffer@swindon.gov.uk

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