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# ASSIST

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# ASSIST

Autism and Sensory Support in Staffordshire

Trained & Experienced

Specialist Staff

Working in:

- Children's Services, education, employment and in the community
- Providing advice, support and equality of access for people with
  - Autism Spectrum Disorder
  - Hearing Loss
  - Loss of Vision

“ The training was very interesting. It will make me think about things from a visually impaired person’s point of view. ”

College Care Student aged 16-18

## Qualified &

## Specialist Staff

- Braillists
- Communication Support Workers
- Counsellors
- Deaf Support Tutors
- Interpreters
- Lipspeakers
- Notetakers - Electronic & Manual
- Readers
- Rehabilitation and Mobility Officers
- Teachers
- Tutors



A vision impaired student using a microscope and a large screen. (Keele University - Neuroscience Lab)

## Appropriate

## Support leads to

- Empowerment & Inclusion
- Informed Professionals
- Equal Opportunities

## **S** **u** **p** **p** **o** **r** **t** by Specialist Staff

### **Education & Work Settings:**

- Study skills, work planning, tutorials, mentoring, work placements, mobility training, access technology, specialist equipment, adapting information (e.g. braille, audio tape, language modification), and audiological support

### **Community Interpreting:**

- Medical appointments
- Job Interviews
- Legal / Judicial Work
- Mental Health
- Youth Work

“ I felt privileged to be here. ”

Deaf Awareness / Notetaker's Course

## **A** **d** **v** **i** **c** **e** for Professionals

- Information regarding Autism Spectrum Disorder, Hearing Impairment, Vision Impairment and their implications
- Awareness Training
- Professional Development
- Modification of Materials
- Advice on the uses of Access Technology (e.g. radio aids, specialist software)
- Alternative Examination and Assessment Strategies
- Working with Specialist Staff
- Reasonable adjustments (DDA)

## Liaison with

- Parents
- Social Care & Health
- Connexions
- Employers
- Peer Groups
- Awarding Bodies
- Colleges
- Universities
- Training Providers
- Learning & Skills Council (LSC)
- Local Education Authorities
- Professional Bodies & National Groups

“ The delivery came from people who do and know! ”

Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness

## Observation & Assessment

### Providing:

- Access to learning
- Access to Information
- Mobility
- Technology
- Communication

Jonathan achieved a First Class Honours Degree in Computer Science. He had interpreter support, notetaker support and language modification from ASSIST.

