



DIGITAL INDEPENDENT SPECIALIST COLLEGE

MADE **FILMS** BUT WANT TO TAKE THEM TO A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL?
SOCIAL MEDIA **MARKETING** APPEAL TO YOU AS A JOB?
MAYBE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN **DESIGNING WEBSITES**?
MIGHT YOU WANT TO MAKE A CAREER FROM YOUR **CODING SKILLS**?

THEN YOU SHOULD READ ABOUT DIGITAL INDEPENDENT SPECIALIST COLLEGE'S (DISC) FULL OR PART-TIME SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND!

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WHO ARE WE?

We are DISC and have been formed by the team at Digital Advantage (DA). DA has spent 7 years delivering work experiences to over 5000 young people ranging from 10 to 25 years of age. All programmes are designed alongside experts from the digital and creative business community to ensure our young people receive the best and most up to date experience. We have both full* and part time** opportunities for 6-12 months agency work experience in our Manchester city centre workspace.

* Full time is a flexible 20 hour week across 4 days

** Manchester City Council residents only

HOW DO WE GET YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND INTO WORK?

For the past 5 years we have worked with the challenges and exceptional talents of young people with SEND, through our schools programmes and development of the UK's first Digital Supported Internship. We've now been approved by the Education Skills & Funding Agency (ESFA) to deliver our very own full-time Supported Internship in partnership with SENDCode. This unique partnership will provide support to a group of young people

aged 16 to 25 and with an EHCP. Our part-time option is open to 19 – 30 year olds with SEND, and is also based in our city centre studio.

Don't just take our word for it:

"Students reported the positive impact the work had on their confidence as well as helping them to develop creative skills and the skills necessary to solve problems"

Dave Muncey, Melland High School

"I am really pleased with the final product and we had a great experience working with the agency"

Donna McLaughlin, Northern Care Alliance

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THE INTERNSHIP INCLUDES:



1 year of work experience

1 year full-time* agency work experience in our Manchester city centre workspace



SEND aware employers

Regular encounters with SEND aware employers. 10-15 full-time and 5 part-time supported employment places



Real life briefs

Work on Real-life briefs set by creative & digital employers



Interview Time

Time off to attend interviews for further employment, continued education and / or training.



Careers advice

Customised careers support, advice and guidance. Education, training or employment options



Portfolio & Freelance work

Ability to build their own portfolio and create freelance working opportunities



Maths & English

Weekly Maths and English/functional skills lessons



Pastoral Care

One-to-one pastoral support sessions to safeguard our interns' health and wellbeing

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Based in Central Manchester the DISC will be opening its doors to support young people with a flair for digital and creative technology to prepare for adulthood and employment. Over the course of their time the groups will develop their digital and creative work based skills, improve their confidence and employability prospects and be supported into an apprenticeship, employment, self-employment or other positive destinations.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

For more information you can:

Visit www.digitaladvantage.org.uk/disc

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Call: **0161 410 2040**

Alternatively you can fill in an Expression of Interest form by clicking or scanning this QR code and following the link:



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