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April 2025

World Autism  
Acceptance Month



- In this special edition of Spreading the News



- Delivering Employment Opportunities for Autistic People in South Yorkshire



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## 1. Beginnings ...

In 2019 Speakup supported an NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board event about improving employment opportunities for Autistic People



Four organisations in South Yorkshire ...



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[www.speakup.org.uk](http://www.speakup.org.uk)



- DEXX  
[www.dexx.uk](http://www.dexx.uk)



- Artworks  
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- EDLounge  
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... came together to start the Employment is for Everyone project



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**South Yorkshire**  
Integrated Care Board

## 2. Plans for South Yorkshire ...

The Plan is that by 2028 ...

- 5878 Autistic People and People with a Learning Disability to have a job
- 4391 of these jobs will be for Autistic People



So where are we now in 2025?



Let's have a look ...



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## 3. Where are we now in 2025



Employment is for Everyone is currently working with these organisations to provide Employment Opportunities for Autistic People ...



Aesseal – designs and makes sealing products for many industrial uses



GXO – warehousing, storing and delivery of goods



Amazon – online selling and delivery of products, music and tv streaming, and much more



Gulliver's Valley – Theme Park Resort



Barnsley MBC – Supported Employment Service



Sheffield City Trust – Disability Confident Employer



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## 4. What people have to say ...



- Darren Jones – Aesseal Learning and Development Manager ...

“At Aesseal we are committed to equality and diversity, and truly believing that everyone has the potential to contribute to our team”



“Lewis, who has been employed with us since early 2022, has added significant value to his department and wider business operations”



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## Amazon's Supported Internship Programme ...



- Jeanie Ruston-Walker

“Before I started the internship at Amazon I was studying foundation studies at college in Doncaster ...

... after learning a bit more about the *Amazon Supported Internship* programme I decided to just go for it, and I have really enjoyed the past six months”



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## Amazon's Supported Internship Programme ...



- Noel Francis Jenkinson

I think the biggest thing I took away from the *Amazon Supported Internship* programme has been my confidence ...

... when I started I was too nervous to make mistakes and to ask for help when I needed it. Now, I am able to trust in my ability and if I do get stuck I have a great team that I can speak to.





## GXO

### 5. What's happening at GXO ...



- In 2023 Employment is for Everyone helped to deliver Disability and Autism Awareness training to over 50 managers and employees at GXO in Barnsley



- Jodie, Michael and Marshall from Speakup delivered the training and hosted a market stall to share information on all things employment related



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- “Employers need to realise that Autistic people and People with Learning Disabilities can be employed ...

People just need the chance to do this and show what they can do instead of people saying ... you can't do that.”

Jodie Bradley - Expert by Experience



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