

## Employment contacts in Oxfordshire

### Right Employment

Building C2  
Culham Science Centre  
Culham  
Oxfordshire  
OX14 3DB

[www.rightemployment.org](http://www.rightemployment.org)  
[mail@rightemployment.org](mailto:mail@rightemployment.org)

Contact Kieran Cooke, Chief Executive

Begun as a supported employment service predominantly for people who have a learning disability, Right Employment now also supports people with AS/HFA, and support staff are receiving AS-specific training. It covers the whole of Oxfordshire. It is a charitable company.

**Oxfordshire Employment Service** 01865 791606

Unit 5, Oxford Business Centre

Osney Lane

[www.oes-oxon.org.uk](http://www.oes-oxon.org.uk)

Oxford

OX1 1TB

[barry.parsons@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:barry.parsons@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Contact Barry Parsons, Manager or John Harrington, Deputy Manager

An employment service for people of all disabilities. It is part of Oxfordshire County Council ([www.Oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.Oxfordshire.gov.uk))

Part of Oxfordshire Employment Service is County Print Finishers, which is a supported business doing print finishing. The majority of the employees have a disability and it provides training as well as employment opportunities. It has its own website - [www.countyprintfinishers.org.uk](http://www.countyprintfinishers.org.uk) but has the same phone number as Oxfordshire Employment Service.

### Mencap Employment

01865 770994

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 213 Barnes Road

Oxford

OX4 3UT

Contact Carole Coppin, service manager

07903 643509

[Carole.coppin@mencap.org.uk](mailto:Carole.coppin@mencap.org.uk)

Provide a supported employment service for people with learning disabilities in Oxfordshire, through contract with Oxfordshire County Council.

### **Shaw Trust**

Contact Lee Corcoran, Manager for Pathways to Work 01865 325340  
Sheila Finlayson for Workstep Sheila.finlayson@shaw-trust.org.uk

Shaw Trust have the contract for Pathways to Work in Oxfordshire and also work with people with disabilities through the Workstep programme.

### **Restore**

Provides services including employment for people with mental health difficulties.

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

01865 455821

contact Benedict Leigh Chief Executive

*Other sources of information and advice around employment*

**Disability Employment Adviser**  
Job Centre Plus

Gretel Quick  
01865 445000

### **Nextstep**

Nextstep is the adult careers service for people over 20, providing information, advice and guidance on learning and work. Their website is [www.nextstepsoutheast.org.uk](http://www.nextstepsoutheast.org.uk)

The area manager for Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Bucks is Teresa Smith who can be contacted on [teresa.smith@vtplc.com](mailto:teresa.smith@vtplc.com) or 019080232808

### **British Association of Supported Employment (BASE)**

[www.base-uk.org](http://www.base-uk.org)

Executive Manager is Huw Davies [huw.davies@base-uk.org](mailto:huw.davies@base-uk.org) 07946 537286

BASE is the national association for supported employment services

## **Oxfordshire Learning Disability Partnership Board**

The partnership board website has general information about services for people with learning disabilities in Oxfordshire. [www.easywords.co.uk](http://www.easywords.co.uk)  
The contact is Eddie McDowell 01865 228191

The partnership board have a subgroup that looks at employment and employs a 'moving into work' co-ordinator, Nicola Menage 01865 228191 or [nicolamenage@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:nicolamenage@ukonline.co.uk)

### ***Other services***

There are a number of other services that provide employment or training opportunities in Oxfordshire in specific types of work.

### **Abletypes**

[www.abletypes.co.uk](http://www.abletypes.co.uk)

contact John Sullivan, Manager 01865 244114

They provide a mailing, word-processing and database handling service. Majority of staff have a disability.

### **Pathway Workshop**

[www.pathway-workshop.co.uk](http://www.pathway-workshop.co.uk)

01865 714111

Makes garden furniture etc. Provides employment or training opportunities for people with disabilities at their workshop.

### **HFT**

HFT will soon be providing an opportunity for people with learning disabilities to undertake an NVQ in catering from their site at Milton Heights near Didcot.

Contact Emma Pithers, service manager [emma.pithers@hft.org.uk](mailto:emma.pithers@hft.org.uk)  
01235 831686

### **Eatwells Community café**

Provides training and work experience in catering at their café at the Barton Neighbourhood Centre in Barton, Oxford.

01865 766293. Not sure of contact name as the café manager recently left.

### **Holyrood Gardens Witney**

Horticultural facility

Colin Broad - manager 01993 709430

[holyroodgardens@guideposttrust.org.uk](mailto:holyroodgardens@guideposttrust.org.uk) and

[www.guideposttrust.org.uk/oxfordshire](http://www.guideposttrust.org.uk/oxfordshire)

**Scout Enterprises** used to run Job Centred Plus funded courses for unemployed and disadvantaged people

[www.scout-enterprises.co.uk](http://www.scout-enterprises.co.uk)

**Oxford Wholefoods** employ people with disabilities and run a packaging business packing dried foods and they can offer training places.

Gay Goodall [gay@oxfordwholefoods.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:gay@oxfordwholefoods.fsnet.co.uk)

Good contact for self directed support in Oxfordshire is Martin Bradshaw [martin.bradshaw@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:martin.bradshaw@oxfordshire.gov.uk) the lead on brokerage is

Antony Thorne 01865 323686 or [antony.thorne@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:antony.thorne@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

General information on brokerage can be found on

[www.nationalbrojerenetwork.org.uk](http://www.nationalbrojerenetwork.org.uk) . The local website for self

directed support is [www.takingcontroloxon.org.uk](http://www.takingcontroloxon.org.uk)