

HEE and the NHS celebrate UK Employability Day 2019

28 June is UK Employability Day, a day of celebration for organisations helping jobseekers to gain and progress in work.

Coordinated by the Employment Related Services Association (ERSA), hundreds of employment support centres and employers are throwing open their doors to raise awareness about what they do to help people into work.



The NHS across England is celebrating the work of its local staff and jobseekers in a variety of ways. Staff are using the day to showcase the successes of employment support across the country and the tremendous efforts made by the jobseekers they support.

Contribution

The day is a great opportunity to celebrate the vital and valuable contributions these

individuals go on to make to patient care and service delivery.

Laura Roberts, director of skills development and participation at Health Education England, said: "We are very proud of all that the NHS does to support people to start or progress their careers in healthcare.

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"Last year, more individuals than ever - around 157,000! - undertook work experience, work-related learning, an employability programme or an apprenticeship within the NHS in England, benefiting both the individuals involved and employers. We will continue to offer a range of opportunities that match jobseekers with the needs of employers."

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S has *Down's Syndrome. He was very nervous when he first joined Project Choice, but grew in confidence as soon as he started his placements. [Read his story](#) [1].

Andrew Daffern

Andrew was diagnosed with Asperger syndrome but that didn't stop him from landing an apprenticeship in the learning and development department at the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust. [Read Andrew's story](#) [2].

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S has a *global learning difficulty and she joined Project Choice after leaving college. She loved her placements, was successful in getting a permanent job and has grown in confidence. [Read her story](#) [3].

Lorenza Ravallese

Lorenza started as an apprentice in the finance team and is now on her way to becoming a fully qualified accountant at North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust. [Read Lorenza's story](#) [4].

Kieran Cunningham

Kieran had minimal work experience but was given support by Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust and is now determined in getting a full-time job that can provide him financial security. [Read Kieran's story](#) [5].

Rachel Williams

Once voted as Shropshire's apprentice of the year, Rachel's determined to work her way up

the career ladder to become an office manager at the therapies department in The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust. [Read Rachel's story](#) [6].

Maurice McHugh

Maurice learnt new skills in his apprenticeship and is now working as a training administration assistant at Luton and Dunstable University Hospital. He loves his role and wouldn't change a thing. [Read Maurice's story](#) [7].

Layla Adam

Layla benefitted from the NHS' Get into programme which helped with her interview skills and building her confidence. With some help from the Talent for Care team at Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust, she was able to secure a full-time administrative assistant role there. [Read Layla's story](#) [8].

Harry Brown

Harry began his IT career as an [informatics](#) [9] apprentice years ago and is most proud of being offered a full-time job as an IT support technician at Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. [Read Harry's story](#) [10].

Key partners

Employers across the NHS, together with key partners including Project Choice, the Prince's Trust and Jobcentre Plus, and thousands of other organisations help transform the lives of jobseekers and their communities in their local area.

UK Employability Day is a crucial day of recognition for the employment support sector and underlines the critical work of providers.

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