Partnership with Autism Centre for Supported Employment

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Sheffield Students' Union notes:

1. Sheffield University already has a partnership with the Autism Centre for Supported Employment.
2. Around 700,000 people on the autism spectrum in the UK (National Autistic Society).
3. Only 16% of autistic adults in the UK are in full-time paid employment, and only 32% are in some aspect of paid work. Furthermore only 10% of autistic adults receive employment support, but 53% say they want it (National Autistic Society).

Sheffield Students' Union believes:

1. As a representative of students within Sheffield, the students’ union has a duty to give back to the Sheffield community.
2. Every individual should be supported in their desire to work and contribute to society regardless of their disabilities or difficulties.

Sheffield Students' Union resolves:

1. To formalise a partnership with the Autism Centre for Supported Employment in Sheffield.
2. To provide at least 1 work placement per time to clients of Autism Centre for Supported Employment.
3. To work in collaboration with Autism Centre for Supported Employment to provide/improve inclusions training to aid in the understanding of those with autistic spectrum disorder.

POLICY HISTORY:
The original Partnership with Autism Centre for Supported Employment was approved by Students’ Union Council in May 2017.

This policy is next due for review in November 2019.