Devon In Sight Work, Learning & Having your Say Factsheet 2

Thomas Pocklington Trust Employment Hub

Introduction

Devon in Sight has partnered with Thomas Pocklington Trust to provide an innovative employment programme.

Thomas Pocklington Trust (TPT) is a national charity who aim to improve the lives of blind and partially sighted people. We have teamed up with this amazing charity to work with our clients and support them in their future careers by providing an Employment Hub.

What can the Employment Hub do for me?

This new service is dedicated to supporting our clients in pursuit of paid employment or for those seeking a change of career.

TPT have a team of employment experts keen to offer one-to-one support across Devon. They will provide advice and support that is personalised to suit everyone's unique style.

You will be supported with:

- Job search tips
- Advice on completing application forms
- Writing covering letters and CV's
- Provide valuable interview tips

- Give you a mock interview to prepare you for the real thing
- Connect you with a Career Coach dedicated to providing coaching and mentoring at no cost to you
- Emotional health and wellbeing support
- Assessing your IT skills and provide advice on identifying the best assistive technology programmes to get you back into work and support you to find training in your area

You will also be kept informed about available opportunities, internships, webinars and anything else that is relevant to your employment, education or voluntary pursuits.

How can I have access this service?

As part of our initial conversations with you we may have discussed this possibility and sent you some information. If you feel ready to begin this journey then please call the Devon in Sight Helpline on 01392 876 666. We can then complete a form and, with your permission, send this by secure email to our representative from TPT, Maria. The next step is that Maria will make contact with you to introduce herself.

A bit about Maria, TPT Local Employment Coordinator

Prior to joining TPT, Maria worked as a PA in Human Resources at Experian and in Local Government, NHS and other private sector industries in the City of London. She has lived experience with sight loss since the age of five, having been diagnosed with advanced Glaucoma and had various eye operations over the years. Maria now lives in North Devon with her husband and two Westie dogs – Daisy and Drammy, following her move from Essex in February 2023.

Maria says, “I enjoy my role at TPT in supporting visually impaired clients with their job search as I understand at first-hand how challenging their journey is.”

Further Support Available from Devon in Sight

Devon in Sight offers a range of holistic services for anyone affected by sight loss, who either live in or work across Devon. We can provide support to people who are blind or partially sighted, their families, friends and carers.

Our Sight Loss Services focus on four key areas, **Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)**, **Independent Living**, **Health and Wellbeing**, and **Influencing Change** (Making the world a better place for people with sight loss).

Information Disclaimer

Devon in Sight is committed to producing Information, Advice & Guidance Resources that are clear, accurate, evidence-based, up-to-date and easy to use. We have a robust information production process based on best practice to ensure that information we produce meets the needs of people who are blind or partially sighted and their family and friends.

Devon in Sight is not a medical organisation; therefore we can only provide general information that is not intended to be a substitute for a proper medical assessment. Our information is not intended to be used for individual cases. If you have a specific question about your eye condition, we recommend that you consult an eye care professional.

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