

We think that these links could be useful resources for disabled people seeking work or who are already in employment. Please note that we cannot take responsibility for the content or accessibility of external organisations' websites. Not all of the organisations listed necessarily work within the social model of disability. A more detailed list of links is available on our website at:

**[www.breakthrough-uk.co.uk/Resources/links](http://www.breakthrough-uk.co.uk/Resources/links)**

Please contact the Independent Employment Advocacy Centre for further information, tel 0161 273 5412 or email [advocacy@breakthrough-uk.co.uk](mailto:advocacy@breakthrough-uk.co.uk)

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## Employment Guidance and Rights

**Breakthrough UK Ltd.** is set up to provide training, employment and business opportunities to disabled people within the social model of disability. The website is for disabled people, employers and anyone with an interest in disability, employment and independent living: [www.breakthrough-uk.co.uk](http://www.breakthrough-uk.co.uk)

**Equality and Human Rights Commission** (EHRC) gives information on the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA), disabled people's rights under the Act, employing disabled people and providing access to goods and services. It also provides guidance on equality regulations surrounding gender, age, race, religion and belief, and sexual orientation: [www.equalityhumanrights.com](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com)

**Using Your Rights** is a guide from the former Disability Rights Commission for disabled people and employment rights advisors on disability discrimination, workplace problem solving and employment tribunals: [www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/your-rights/using-your-rights/](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/your-rights/using-your-rights/)

**Disabled Worker's Co-operative** is a not-for-profit organisation that is creating an online database of the skills, products and services that disabled people have to offer. Registration on the database is free. They also have an e-jobs portal for disabled jobseekers: [www.disabledworkers.org.uk](http://www.disabledworkers.org.uk)

**ACAS** provide an advisory, conciliation and arbitration service for employees and employers. Their website gives information on employment law and equal opportunities: [www.acas.org.uk](http://www.acas.org.uk)

**Association of Disabled Professionals** (ADP) is a membership organisation aiming, amongst other things, to improve the education, rehabilitation, training and employment opportunities available to disabled people, and to influence parliament: [www.adp.org.uk](http://www.adp.org.uk)

**Greater Manchester Pay and Employment Rights Advice Service** exists to improve worker's conditions by providing employment rights advice to people experiencing problems at work, representing the interests of low-paid workers in debate on social and economic policies, and promoting greater public awareness of poverty and injustice. They have a range of factsheets on employment rights available online: [www.gmemploymentrights.org.uk](http://www.gmemploymentrights.org.uk)

**Point of Diagnosis** has been set up by organisations working with people with HIV, cancer and multiple sclerosis (MS). On the 5th December 2005 it became illegal for employers and service providers to discriminate against people with these conditions from the point of diagnosis. The website is supported by the Department for Work and Pensions and explains people's rights under this aspect of the law:

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

**Directgov** is a government site about public services. It includes guidance on employees rights and benefits:

[www.direct.gov.uk/en/Employment/Employees/index.htm](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Employment/Employees/index.htm)

**Jobseekers Direct** is a government website giving jobs and careers information from Jobcentre Plus. Search the site for local opportunities:

<http://jobseekers.direct.gov.uk>

**Health and Safety for Disabled People and Their Employers** was developed jointly by the Health and Safety Executive and the former Disability Rights Commission. It promotes good practice in disability equality at work and health and safety risk assessment:

[www.hse.gov.uk/disability/](http://www.hse.gov.uk/disability/)

**Leadership Recruitment** is a unique talent management programme that provides disabled people who are graduates (or are of a similar calibre) with salaried placements / jobs and challenging development opportunities.

[www.scope.org.uk/graduates/](http://www.scope.org.uk/graduates/)

## Job Search Websites

**Jobseekers Direct** is a government website giving jobs and careers information from Jobcentre Plus. Search the site for local opportunities:

<http://jobseekers.direct.gov.uk>

### Manchester City Council Jobs Page

[www.manchester.gov.uk/site/scripts/documents.php?categoryID=100008](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/site/scripts/documents.php?categoryID=100008)

### Jobs Mine

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

### Monster

<http://jobsearch.monster.co.uk/>

**Jobcentre Plus**

[www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk/Internet/setLocale.do?country=GB&language=en&page=/initialise.do](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk/Internet/setLocale.do?country=GB&language=en&page=/initialise.do)

**Reed**

[www.reed.co.uk/Localjobs/](http://www.reed.co.uk/Localjobs/)

**Total Jobs**

[www.totaljobs.com/Browse/Browse/BrowseJobs.html](http://www.totaljobs.com/Browse/Browse/BrowseJobs.html)

**Job Serve**

[www.jobserve.com/](http://www.jobserve.com/)

**CHH Recruitment**

[www.chhrecruitment.com/](http://www.chhrecruitment.com/)

**Jobs Go Public – Jobs in the Public Sector**

[www.jobsgopublic.com/](http://www.jobsgopublic.com/)

**Barrier Free Recruitment**

[www.barrierfree-recruitment.com/](http://www.barrierfree-recruitment.com/)

**You're Able**

[www.youareable.com/#jobs](http://www.youareable.com/#jobs)

**Disabled Go**

[www.disabledgo.info/Jobs/Default.asp](http://www.disabledgo.info/Jobs/Default.asp)

**Scope**

[www.scope.org.uk/jobs/](http://www.scope.org.uk/jobs/)

**Remploy**

[www.remploy.co.uk/jobseekers/recruitment-areas.ashx](http://www.remploy.co.uk/jobseekers/recruitment-areas.ashx)

**National Autistic Society Job Vacancies**

[www.nas.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=170&a=2527](http://www.nas.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=170&a=2527)

## Volunteering

**Do-it** is a searchable database of volunteering opportunities in the UK:

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

**Volunteering England** works to promote volunteering as a powerful force for change, both for those who volunteer and for the wider community. Their web site offers a range of resources for anyone who works with or manages volunteers as well as to those who want to volunteer: [www.volunteering.org.uk](http://www.volunteering.org.uk)

## Benefits and Tax Credits

**Disability Alliance** are the publishers of the Disability Rights Handbook. Their website includes regularly updated information on social security benefits and tax credits for disabled people: [www.disabilityalliance.org](http://www.disabilityalliance.org)

**Department for Work and Pensions A-Z** gives information about their benefits, services and policies: [www.dwp.gov.uk/lifeevent/benefits/atoz.asp](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/lifeevent/benefits/atoz.asp)

**Adviceguide** is the online advice service from the Citizen's Advice Bureau. It provides practical, up to date information on benefits, housing, employment and debt, consumer and legal issues: [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)

**Advicekit** is aimed at residents of Manchester. It has an online advice service, advice agency searches and self help information on topics such as debt, housing, benefits, consumer rights, immigration and employment: [www.advicekit.info/SitePages/Default.aspx](http://www.advicekit.info/SitePages/Default.aspx)

## Access

**Manchester Disabled People's Access Group** is an organisation of disabled people promoting best practice in access design and access standards, and campaigning to improve access to buildings, transport, the environment, information and services. Their website includes lots of useful links and resources:

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

**Access to Venues Guide** is produced by Full Circle Arts. It is a searchable database giving venues in the North West of England a star rating of 1 to 5 for accessibility:

[www.fullcirclearts.co.uk/venues.asp](http://www.fullcirclearts.co.uk/venues.asp)

**Ability Net** provides information about the use of computer technology for disabled people. The site includes tailored information for employers: [www.abilitynet.org.uk](http://www.abilitynet.org.uk)

**Direct Enquiries** is an online disability access register that gives businesses and service providers throughout the United Kingdom an opportunity to publicise the access and facilities they currently provide. It also provides details about what access and facilities they cannot provide today, but hope to provide in the future:

[www.directenquiries.com](http://www.directenquiries.com)

**Is There an Accessible Loo?** (ITAAL) provides information and best practice on accessible toilets. The site is now based within the Centre for Accessible Environment's webpages. ITAAL itself was wound up at the end of 2005:

[www.cae.org.uk/itaalmain.html](http://www.cae.org.uk/itaalmain.html)

**RNIB Library Catalogue** gives you access to over 170,000 items available for loan and/or sale in audio, large and giant print, braille and Moon:

<http://librarycatalogue.rnib.org.uk/>

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**Manchester Deaf Centre** was originally set up in 1846 and is run by Deaf people. They provide a communication support service, training and a range of groups for members of the Deaf community: [www.manchesterdeafcentre.com](http://www.manchesterdeafcentre.com)

**Manchester People First** is run by and for learning disabled adults and is independent of all services. They give training, support and advice to learning disabled adults and professionals, and campaign for disabled people's rights: [www.manpf.org](http://www.manpf.org)

**DaDa Disability and Deaf Arts** is a Disabled and Deaf people's arts organisation run by Disabled and Deaf people. They aim to facilitate the active participation of Disabled and Deaf people in all aspects of the arts and creative industries, and both promote and celebrate disability and Deaf arts and culture: <http://www.dadahello.com/picker>

**Sign Community** is the website of the British Deaf Association (BDA). They are the largest Deaf organisation in the UK run by Deaf people. Information is available in British Sign Language or in text: [www.signcommunity.org.uk](http://www.signcommunity.org.uk)

**United Kingdom's Disabled People's Council** describes itself as the UK's national organisation of the worldwide Disabled People's Movement: [www.ukdpc.net](http://www.ukdpc.net)

**Dial UK** is a national organisation for a network of 139 local disability information and advice services "run by and for disabled people": [www.dialuk.info](http://www.dialuk.info)

## Disabled People's Movement

**Crip-stirring Culture** is a grass roots web platform for sharing truths, stirring disabled people into action and celebrating activist culture: [www.johnnypops.demon.co.uk/poetry/index.htm](http://www.johnnypops.demon.co.uk/poetry/index.htm)

**Disability Archive UK** aims to provide disabled people, students and scholars access to the writings of those disability activists, writers and allies whose work may no longer be easily accessible in the public domain: [www.leeds.ac.uk/disability-studies/archiveuk/index.html](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/disability-studies/archiveuk/index.html)

See our website for information on the Social Model of Disability and the Principles of Independent Living: <http://www.breakthrough-uk.co.uk/AboutUs>

## Education and Skills

**Alliance for Inclusive Education** is a national network of individuals, families and groups who work together to help change our education system. The changes they wish to bring about are based on their conviction that all young people need to be educated in a single mainstream education system which can support all young people to learn, play and live with each other: [www.allfie.org.uk](http://www.allfie.org.uk)

**Skill** (National Bureau for Students with Disabilities) is a national charity promoting opportunities for young people and adults with any kind of impairment in post-16 education, training and employment across the UK: [www.skill.org.uk](http://www.skill.org.uk)

**Disability Toolkits for Success** has been created by the careers service at the University of Manchester. It provides guidance and resources for disabled students seeking placements, and to academics, employers and placement providers: [www.disabilitytoolkits.ac.uk](http://www.disabilitytoolkits.ac.uk)

**Directgov Adult Learning** is a government site that brings together information to help adult and potential learners make informed decisions about taking up learning. It is part of Directgov - widest range of government information and services online: [www.direct.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/AdultLearning/fs/en](http://www.direct.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/AdultLearning/fs/en)

**Learndirect** offer their own online courses and have a network of local Learndirect centres: [www.learndirect.co.uk](http://www.learndirect.co.uk)

## Independent Living

**National Centre for Independent Living** provides information on direct payments and self directed support for disabled people: [www.ncil.org.uk](http://www.ncil.org.uk)

**Independent Living Fund** (ILF) makes payments to disabled people to help them lead a more independent life. The ILF is not accepting any new applications at the moment:

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/FinancialSupport/OtherBenefitsAndSupport/DG\\_4019444](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/FinancialSupport/OtherBenefitsAndSupport/DG_4019444)

**Guides to Direct Payments** from the Department of Health are available on this page, including an easy read version (about halfway down):

[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Financeandplanning/Directpayments/index.htm](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Financeandplanning/Directpayments/index.htm)

**Most local authorities now issue personal budgets rather than direct payments, and guidance on these is available from your local council.**

**Mobilise** aims to promote independence through improved mobility for disabled people: [www.dda.org.uk](http://www.dda.org.uk)

**Disabled Living Foundation** (DLF) aim to help people achieve greater mobility and independence and to confront barriers excluding them from living a full and productive life at home, at work and in their leisure time: [www.dlf.org.uk](http://www.dlf.org.uk)

**Youreable** is a commercial site offering information, forums, products and services to disabled people: [www.youreable.com](http://www.youreable.com)

## Local Information

**Mymanchester** provides a single point of access for community information in the areas of Manchester: [www.mymanchester.net](http://www.mymanchester.net)

**Manchester Online** is an information and news portal for Manchester: [www.manchesteronline.co.uk](http://www.manchesteronline.co.uk)

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