

Suggested Connexions information resources: Learning Difficulties and Disabilities

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General These resources cover the full range of Connexions Information topics

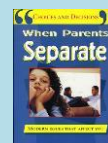
Paper resources

Choices and Decisions series

Franklin Watts

A clear discussion of today's issues to enable young people to make informed decisions. Eight titles including Smoking, When People Die, and Dealing with Bullying.

http://www.franklinwatts.co.uk/CITIZENSHIP-AND-PSHE_Books_CHOICES-AND-DECISIONS_Series_26387_56842.htm



£7.99 or 12.99 each title

IT resources

ani-MODS CD ROM

Careersoft

An interactive resource with 3D animated characters. Aimed at KS4 students of average and below average ability. 16 modules cover different topics. Each has video, interactive tasks and a quiz for users to complete. Topics include CVs, interviews, work experience, drugs, e2e and teenage pregnancy. **Annual**

www.careersoft.co.uk/Products/ani-MODS/



£80 a year or £35 for an individual module.

Moving on Up website

Association for Real Change

For young people with learning disabilities who are moving on to adult life! It is especially for young people from black and minority ethnic communities.

www.movingonup.info



Free

Connexions Leicester Shire easy read website

Easy read section of the Connexions web site which uses easy words, pictures, big writing, sound and simple navigation to make the website easier to use.

www.connexions-leics.org/easyread



Free

Connexions Leicester Shire website

www.connexions-leics.org

Information and links covering all Connexions information topics. Includes a video and audio zone.

www.connexions-leics.org



Free

Essential Roo CD ROM

Connexions Leicester Shire

Multimedia CD ROM with interactive activities and video clips. Includes Listen to Me Interactive personal statement activity for young people who need additional support.

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Free



Choices - Jobs

IT resources

JED - Job Explorer Database CD ROM* Careersoft
Explore over 800 jobs in depth, with over 6000 pictures and 250 video case studies (extra cost) of people at work. **Annual**
www.careersoft.co.uk/products/Job_Explorer_Database



£170 a year.
Extras at £20 each: job videos; internet version; text to speech.

On the Spot Active CD ROM

Highflyers Publishing

Colourful, easy to use, computer game encourages students to explore jobs and the world of work in a lively and fun way. 2005
<http://www.highflyerspublishing.co.uk/products/otsactive.shtml>



£65 Single site license

If I Were Plus! CD ROM

Lifetime Careers

If I were Plus. The interactive approach to jobs with few or no qualifications. **October 2008**

http://eshop.naldsw.co.uk/product_info.php?products_id=109&osCsId=b3939318e2d6684571db67495c828532



£99.00

Paper resources

If I can...

Lifetime Careers

A colourful, pictorial approach to skills for MLD students. Photo cards of work settings and people in action with related simple text cards with Widget symbols. **October 2005**

<http://www.prospectseducationresources.co.uk/search.html?q=if+i+can>



£50.00

If I were...

Lifetime Careers

Simple descriptions of jobs for students with few or no qualifications. Ideal for students with moderate learning difficulties. **October 2005**

www.lifetime-publishing.co.uk



£75.00

Able to Succeed

Cascaid

Reference book on disabilities, health and job choice. **May 2007**

http://www.cascaid.co.uk/home/main.do?section_id=289&cx=013886755744557831138%3Ax15npgtt3wq&cof=FORID%3A11&q=able+to+succeed&sa=Go#1008



£20.00

On the Spot Leaflets

Highflyers Publishing

The 300 leaflets contain simple text descriptions of different aspects of each job, with visual illustrations to help those students who struggle with text only information. **Jan 2006**


<http://www.highflyerspublishing.co.uk/products/otsleaflets.shtml>



£180.00 (or £150 if you print your own leaflets from the CD)

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<p>On the Spot Job Cards <i>Highflyers Publishing</i> The 200 job information cards are highly visual, containing drawings of each job, main tools and equipment, uniform and protective clothing and other related jobs. October 2005 http://www.highflyerspublishing.co.uk/products/otsjobcards.shtml</p>		<p>£100 for CD and binder only £150 for CD and binder with printed copy</p>
<p>Just the Job series <i>Franklin Watts</i> Looks at the real working lives of young people and focuses on abilities and achievements. 3 titles in series: Kennels, Garden Centre and Nursery. http://www.franklinwatts.co.uk/CITIZENSHIP-AND-PSHE_Books_JUST-THE-JOB_Series_26387_56092.htm</p>		<p>£5.99 each or 10.99 for Park Keeper and Restaurant</p>
<p>People Who Help Us series <i>Franklin Watts</i> Introduces the different people who help us in our communities. 8 titles in series http://www.franklinwatts.co.uk/CITIZENSHIP-AND-PSHE_Books_PEOPLE-WHO-HELP-US_Series_26387_56201.htm</p>		<p>£5.99 each</p>
<p>When I'm At Work series An introduction to the working lives of people who help us. 12 titles including Fire Fighter Footballer and Health Visitor http://www.franklinwatts.co.uk/CITIZENSHIP-AND-PSHE_Books_WHEN-IM-AT-WORK_Series_26387_56326.htm</p>		<p>£6.99 - £10.99</p>
<p>People I Meet posters <i>Lifetime Careers</i> Six colourful, A2 posters introducing students with learning difficulties to the jobs they find people are doing while they are out and about. Four jobs to each poster with colour photos and a brief narrative. http://eshop.naldsw.co.uk/product_info.php?cPath=26&products_id=54&osCsid=22923c2564d82e5aeaf0ffaf0c7bd635</p>		<p>£15.95</p>
<p>Into...series <i>Skill</i> Set of six career guides for students with disabilities: Into Law, Into Architecture, Into Science and Engineering, Into Nursing and Midwifery, Into Work Experience and Into Art. www.skill.org.uk</p>		<p>£6.50</p>



Choices - general

Paper resources

Making Plans for Leaving School

Connexions Leicester Shire

An easy guide to transition planning for young people with a statement of special educational needs and their parents and carers

Annual

www.connexions-leics.org/library/13_19.asp#tp



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Education

IT resources

NATSPEC Directory web site

NATSPEC

Online directory of colleges who are members of the National Association of National Specialist Colleges.

www.natspec.org.uk



Free

Paper resources

FE Directory for Leicester and Leicestershire

Connexions Leicester Shire

Further Education Courses in Leicester and Leicestershire for students with moderate or severe learning difficulties. **Annual**

www.connexions-leics.org/library/13_19.asp#fe



Free

Into Higher Education 2011

Skill

Guide for disabled people planning to apply to HE. Includes advice about applications, getting support, grants and benefits and profiles written by disabled students about their experiences. **Annual**

www.skill.org.uk



£15

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Lifetime Careers

Directory of post-16 residential education and training for young people with special educational needs. **August 08**

www.lifetime-publishing.co.uk



£37.50



Work and Training

IT resources

Connexions jobs, apprenticeships, e2e and personal development opportunities

Connexions Leicester Shire

Local job vacancies. **Updated daily**

<http://www.connexions-leics.org/opportunities>



Free

Paper resources

Going for an Interview

Lifetime Careers

A colourful card game about interview skills and preparation. Designed for students with moderate learning difficulties and also used with average ability students in many school. **November 2005**

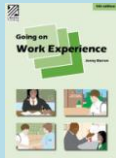



http://eshop.naldsw.co.uk/advanced_search_result.php?keywords=going+for+an+interview&osCsid=e09dfba529936a49af4f66214140964f



£29.95

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<p>Going on Work Experience Lifetime Careers A bright and lively card resource to help prepare young people with moderate learning difficulties for work experience. November 2005 http://eshop.naldsw.co.uk/advanced_search_result.php?keywords=going+on+work+experience</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">£29.95</p>
<p>Work Experience series SEN Press Detailed and honest look at work placements through the eyes of the young people involved with important issues addressed with frankness. 6 titles: Fast-food Restaurant, Charity Shop, Garage, Animal Charity, Supermarket, Interview. 2006 www.senpress.co.uk/category.php?spID=18</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">£4.99 each</p>
<p>Everyday Challenges series SEN Press These simple narratives record the experiences of young people as they rise to the challenge of everyday tasks. 4 titles: Travelling by Yourself, Shopping for Mum, Shopping for Clothes, Swimming a Length. 2006 www.senpress.co.uk/category.php?spID=20</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">£4.99 each</p>
<p>The 'I Can' Series Trotman 6 titles: Write a CV, Survive Interviews, Fill in an application form, Move On (books 1 & 2), Read and Write At Work. http://www.prospectseducationresources.co.uk/search.html?q=i+can</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">£21.00 each</p>

As each special school has students with different needs this list covers a wide range of resources which may be relevant to students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. Please use it as a guide from which to select appropriate resources for your students. The list is designed to be used in conjunction with the appropriate mainstream Key Resource list which can be found at <http://www.connexions-leics.org/staffroom/default.asp>