



Special United

The voice of young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities and their siblings

Special United Pizza Evening Session on 1st November 2018 at the Avenue School

Eleven young people took part in another great evening. Their contributions were rewarded with £10 Amazon Vouchers and tasty Dominoes Pizzas!

Getting into work



We heard lots of very helpful information from Maurice George about getting into work, including work experience, supported internships, apprenticeships, traineeships and supported employment.

Remember your rights! Just because you have a disability does not mean you are unemployable. You have lots to offer. Get help from family, school or college to get the right route into work for you.

Expect to be paid the same as anyone else for the same work and insist that any employer adapts job interviews to you – a work trial may show off your skills better than a face to face interview.

Young people said that it is hard to find out what happens after school or college. Terms like “job vacancy” can be hard to understand – make sure you ask someone at school or college for help. There is lots of information on Maurice’s presentation.

If you missed the presentation, contact fran.morgan.rff@gmail.com for a copy.

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Adult Social Care



The Adult Social Care team are now responsible for 18 – 25 year olds who need help with social care. Only one young person had moved from children's to adult social care in our group. That person gave her helpful feedback.

Every young person will have an assessment to find out what they need. Everyone's needs are different so everyone will get different support.

Young people said that a separate group for young adults who have a Social Worker would be better. Teenagers (who might move to adult social care in the next year or so) could also be invited. Food and a good venue are important! Also need to advertise the group at colleges etc.

Next Session

We agreed to invite Luke Lloyd from Reading Parks and Leisure and Dan Rook from the Reading Football Community Team to discuss what activities young people with additional needs want. An evening with chicken and chips. Look out for the date, coming soon!

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