



British Association for
Supported Employment

Annual Conference 2019

Sponsorship brochure

Manchester Mercure
5 - 6 November 2019

The British Association for Supported Employment

The annual conference of the British Association for Supported Employment takes place at the Manchester Mercure on 5-6 November 2019 and will be attended by around 200 practitioners from across the UK employment and education sectors.

BASE was formed to promote supported employment as the most effective and direct route to open paid employment for people with disabilities and/or other economic disadvantage. The core customers of supported employment services are people with learning disabilities, people with long term mental health needs, autism conditions and sensory impairments though a number of services are also supporting young people leaving care, refugees and recovering drug misusers.



Former BASE Chair, Paul Wilson, with former Employment Secretary of State, Esther McVey MP

With 190 member organisations across Britain, BASE is seen as the foremost organisation representing specialist employment support. BASE represents and supports the supported employment sector, informing its members' activities through regional forums, newsletters, national conferences and its website. The annual conference is an opportunity for members to network and discuss best practice. It is also a chance to listen to respected practitioners, academics, strategists and political figures. Our conferences generally attract a Government Minister as well as representation from Government departments.



The association is now recognised as a key stakeholder within the disability employment sector and seeks to work closely with Government departments on the development of national strategies to improve the employment rates of people who would otherwise face exclusion from the labour market.

Our 2019 conference will again focus on the practical aspects of delivering high quality supported employment services. The event offers a number of sponsorship opportunities.

Left: Head of DWP's Disability and Work Opportunities Division, Hugh Pullinger

Principal conference sponsor

We will negotiate a tailored package with the principal sponsor. The package will include:

- Acknowledgement from the chair during the opening and closing addresses
- Display of your corporate logo on stage set and holding slides
- Display of your corporate logo and description of your organisation on the BASE conference website, including a hyperlink to your corporate website
- Display of your corporate logo alongside the BASE logo on all conference printed literature and publicity materials
- Display of your corporate logo alongside the BASE logo on the front of the delegate bag
- Display of your corporate logo alongside the BASE logo on the front of the conference handbook
- Full page advertisement in the conference handbook
- Inclusion of your marketing materials in the conference delegate packs
- Complimentary 3m x 2m exhibition floorspace
- An option to address conference, if appropriate
- Complimentary delegate registrations

Associate sponsors

- Display of your corporate logo and description of your organisation on the BASE conference website, including a hyperlink to your corporate website
- Inclusion of your marketing materials in the conference delegate packs
- Half page advertisement in the conference handbook
- Complimentary exhibition floorspace
- 2 complimentary delegate registrations

Below: Liz Stanton of IKEA



Above: One of the 20+ workshops



Above: Entrepreneur, Laura Green speaking to our 2015 conference about her business Serendipity

Sponsorship of conference dinner (£3000)

Our conference dinner and awards evening takes place on 5 November.

- Acknowledgement from the chair during the address
- The opportunity to address conference dinner
- Inclusion of your corporate logo on the conference dinner menu
- Half page advertisement in the conference handbook
- Inclusion of your marketing materials in the conference delegate packs
- Display of your corporate logo and description of your organisation on the BASE conference website, including a hyperlink to your corporate website
- Complimentary 3m x 2m exhibition floorspace
- 2 complimentary delegate registrations

Conference brochure (£1500)

The sponsor will be offered:

- prominent inclusion of the organisation's logo on the conference brochure cover
- a full page advert in the brochure
- complimentary exhibition space
- acknowledgement within all conference publicity materials

Delegate bags (£1500)

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- inclusion of the organisation's logo on the delegate bags
- complimentary exhibition space
- acknowledgement within all conference publicity materials

Practitioner Awards (£1500 per award)

These awards recognise and celebrate outstanding practice in the field of supported employment in the UK. The aim of the awards is to promoting the remarkable work that goes on across the country to help people with disabilities get the support they need to achieve their work aspirations and retain paid employment.

- **Team of the Year Award 2019**

(Sponsored by Brain in Hand)

Presented to the outstanding team for 2019



- **Practitioner of the Year Award**

This award recognises achievement by an individual practitioner

- **Innovation Award**

Presented to a service or individual that demonstrates innovative practice

- **Best Employer Practice Award**

(Sponsored by DFN Charitable Foundation)

Presented to an employer in recognition of their practice as an inclusive employer



Sponsors will be encouraged to participate in judging the winners of the awards and will be asked to present the award at our conference dinner on 5 November.

- Representation on the awards judging panel
- Half page advertisement in the conference handbook
- 2 complimentary places at the conference dinner

Right: Winners of the 2018 Team of the Year, Kent Supported Employment with guest, Tanyalee Davis

Below: Winner of the 2018 Employer Award, Wiltshire Police



David Grainger Award

The David Grainger Award is presented annually by BASE in memory of David Grainger. David was the secretary of NASE and general manager of Roseville Enterprises who died prematurely in 2004.

David felt passionately that supported employment should offer a wide range of choices to help individuals improve their quality of life. Therefore, the award is presented to a person with a disability who has made outstanding progress in their employment and is a significant 'team player' who always supports his or her colleagues. The award is open to national nominations.



2018 David Grainger Award winner, Simon Bould.

Further information

If you wish to discuss these sponsorship opportunities, or any aspect of the conference, please contact Huw Davies on 01204 880733 or at huw.davies@base-uk.org

