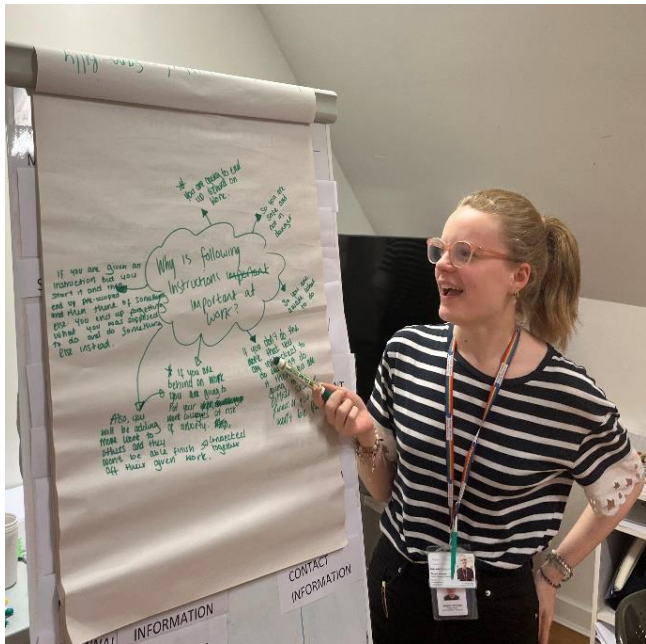


## CASE STUDY – Project Choice Supported Internship Graduate August 2022

### Morgan Jennings – The Supported Intern's View:



Before I came to project choice, I found being in education very difficult and had left my previous college course early due my mental health. I was very worried about starting something new, as I thought I would have the same experience as before.

I joined project choice in September 2021 and at first I found it challenging adapting to being in a work environment four days a week. I was offered various placements on the programme until I found one I thoroughly enjoyed supporting young people in their work placements. I grew from strength to strength during the programme learning valuable work skills, emotion management techniques and most of all I felt a valued member of my team. Along with my work placements we studied one day a week improving our maths and English, as well as completing an employability certificate covering subjects like interviews, job applications and problem solving. By the end of the course I was faced with the tough decision to choose from two paid job offers!

I am now so happy to be working within the project choice team, as a project choice coordinator fulltime and paid! I get the pleasure of supporting our new interns develop their work-based skills and professional behaviours. Its challenging but my confidence is growing day by day and have access to such wonderful support and training from my employer. I would highly recommend the programme to anyone who wants to learn to how to get ready for employment, it's changed by life.

### The Employer's View:

Morgan has had such a positive impact on our team since joining full time in August 2022. She has carried her skills learned from her internship programme with her into her new role as a Project Coordinator. Morgan works closely with our team and our students who all have SEND, drawing from her own experiences to guide, inspire and educate them on employment and adulthood transitions. Morgan is such a quick learner and has already demonstrated the attributes well beyond her experience level and it is a pleasure to call her a colleague. I can't wait to see how Morgan develops over the coming years.

*Sam Brown*  
Area Manager, Health Education England

### The Parent View:

We couldn't be happier with the way Project Choice has treated Morgan. In the beginning Morgan was very nervous because of the way she had been treated in the past with her learning difficulties. The team set her mind at rest straight away and made Morgan feel normal. Because of this Morgan's self-esteem has improved immensely. She has gone on to prove to herself and others she is very capable of doing a demanding job covering all aspects of the workplace and problem solving. She is a real star and we thank Project Choice from the bottom of our hearts for seeing how very capable Morgan truly is.

*Karen Jennings*