

SAMEE Newsletter

March edition!



The Launch of our New Discovery Programme!!!

SAMEE is offering young people with an EHCP, the opportunity to join our exciting Discovery Programme. Our Discovery Programme helps young people explore the world of work through activities, conversations, and education.



What will I do on the Discovery Programme?

- Creative Crafts
- Career Workshops
- Work Experience
- Unlimited course access to the Virtual College



Where can the Discovery Programme take you?

Option 1

Supported Self-Employment Internship!

Option 2

Meaningful Employment or Volunteering

Option 3

Another provider for Ongoing Training

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Update from our Executive Officer, Mark Stone

"My role at SAMEE includes internship queries and administration, HR and delivering Smallwood Grants (supporting single women in hardship), as well as being part of the Safeguarding Team.

Over the last few months, as SAMEE continues to grow, we have welcomed new members to both the internship team and new mentors onto our DEBSS (Disabled Entrepreneurs Business Start-Up Service) programme. We are delighted to be able to continue to be a grant partner with the Smallwood Trust where we can support single women in hardship in the Dorset area, these grants help support with essential goods and furniture to help when times are tough.



I love that my work within SAMEE is as varied and unique as all the wonderful inspiring people we support within the charity."

Do you want to find out more about any of our programmes?

We have a dedicated team that includes staff and beneficiaries who are more than happy to go out and chat to schools, students, parents, and local councils to discuss all things SAMEE and self-employment! Give Sianell a message on sianell.white@sameecharity.org if you would like us to come out and see your students or staff!

Discovery Programme

Steps into Self-Employment

Supported Internship

Steps into Self-Employment

SISE Programme

Steps into Self-Employment

DEBSS Programme

Disabled Entrepreneurs Business Start-up Service

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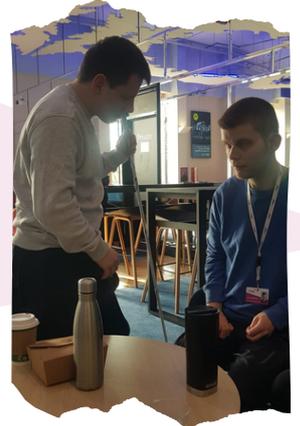
Spotlight on our Internship Programme

Our first-year intern, LM, has been working closely with our Work Placement Liaison, Diana, in securing work placement opportunities. LM's business idea is all around assistive technology and teaching/advising other people with visual impairments.

Alongside Diana and his mentors Shaun and Errol, LM has been having great opportunities to engage with Dorset Blind Society at The Grasshopper and The Lighthouse Poole weekly. The Lighthouse Poole is a social get-together, and The Grasshopper usually has guest speakers in.

During one of the sessions, LM was speaking to a lady who has got a very old mobile phone. LM spent time with her and explained how great smartphones are in terms of built in accessibility features. This lady is now looking into getting herself a smartphone.

In the first picture, LM is helping Susan by explaining how to use smartphones and Voice Over. In the second picture, LM is assisting Davie with his cane, offering practical guidance and support.



Spotlight on our DEBBS Adult Programme

Mentor, Corrie Talty has been working on the DEBSS programme with beneficiary Stacey Taylor. Stacey struggles with her physical health and mobility, which make working really difficult. She started with us with the idea of selling her cross-stitch products, which she is still pursuing, but she also shared that she wrote stories but didn't feel that they were good enough to share. We worked on her confidence and self-belief, and across this year she has published her first 4 books. They are a series of a dog's adventures for children. They start with Charlie, and then in the following books we meet Charlie's friends, including an ex-service dog learning to come to terms with his new life as a pet. The books also include interactive puzzles. Stacey has more books in the series planned plus a colouring book. Check out her books on Amazon.



[https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0GH37D2ZN?
binding=paperback&ref=dbs_dp_sirpi](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0GH37D2ZN?binding=paperback&ref=dbs_dp_sirpi)

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Meet our Safeguarding Team!



Safeguarding team



Sianell White
Designated Safeguarding
Lead



Mark Stone
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Corrie Talty
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Cassie Lammas
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

If you feel unsafe or have a concern, speak to a member of the Safeguarding team.

You can also speak to any member of staff. You **will** be listened to.

You are also welcome to report a concern by email if you'd prefer to speak to us privately rather than in front of others.



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Upcoming events!

Monday 2nd March - Friday 6th March 2026

National Careers Week!

Join us for National Careers Week! Our interns will be hosting a careers fair/exhibit in Wimborne and Christchurch. In attendance from SAMEE will be interns, mentors, and our careers team!

You will be able to view their stock and/or book their services, alongside finding out more about SAMEE!

We now have some further details that we can announce!

Aged
18-25?
WITH AN EHCP?

THE SAMEE CHARITY

Join our supported Self-Employment internship

Parents and carers – come and find out more

Upcoming careers fairs:

3 rd March 2025	10:00AM - 2:30PM
Wimborne Library	Crown Mead, BH21 1HH
4 th March 2025	10:00AM - 2:30PM
Christchurch Library	29 High St, BH23 1AW

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Thursday 12th March

Team SAMEE will be in attendance at the Careers and Apprenticeship Show down at the BIC in Bournemouth!

Come and find us in the SEND department to chat to staff and current interns!



Monday 30th March

Come and join us at the Museum of East Dorset, Wimborne (09:30-13:30) for an Internship taster day!.If you have an EHCP and want to go self-employed, we just might be the right provision for you! For more information please go to:

<https://sameecharity.org/taster-day/>



Recent News!

SAMEE TikTok.....

We have just launched our TikTok account where you get up-to-date behind-the-scenes footage from our Internship and what goes on at SAMEE HQ!

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Recent News!

Interns visit Nightshade Clothing!

On Monday 16th February, two of our second year interns were invited down to Nightshade Clothing to chat with the owners! Nightshade Clothing are an up and coming brand; operating out of The Trove in Winton, Bournemouth!

The interns represented us extremely well. MA asked thoughtful questions about materials, suppliers and publicity, while TB focused on their website. Chris and Nicole were impressed with their engagement, and generously shared details of their clothing supplier along with helpful industry advice. They were very welcoming and invited us to stay in touch if we need any further support.



<https://nightshadeclothing.co.uk>

Thank you!

NatWest Bank for coming out and speaking to our year 1 and 2 interns about all things banking!

Tomas from Parliament who came and chatted to all the young people on how they can get their voices heard!



We were back at Dorset Bee!

2nd Year interns, LH and LC, were back at Dorset Bee last week where they were helping to finish the Bee Apiary which is to be used for Bee Therapy. They were also joined by SAMEE DEBSS Ambassador, Anton!



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Opportunities



SAMEE Bears!

Would you like to get your hands on a SAMEE bear?

Pop along to our office at 8 Richmond Gardens and grab one. They cost £5 per bear but look fantastic on your work desk!



Volunteering!

Would you like to get involved in SAMEE?

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help on our internship team and office team.

Contact us on 01202 424477 or sianell.white@sameecharity.org for further information!

