

# SAMEE Newsletter



May 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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*The Launch of our New Friday Club!!!*

## EXPLORE SELF-EMPLOYMENT!



18-30 YEARS OLD | NO EHCP NEEDED | LUNCH INCLUDED



Mentoring and  
support sessions  
for  
self-employment  
exploration

First Session:  
**FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**MAY 2026**

## When?

EVERY FRIDAY, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

## Where?

THE SAMEE CHARITY, 8 RICHMOND  
GARDENS, BOURNEMOUTH, BH1 1JE

## How?

CALL OR EMAIL TO FIND OUT MORE  
AND BOOK



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Update from Chief Impact Officer - Wayne Ingram!

## Another 5 years of DEBSS!

“We are excited to announce that our core self-employment support project for the Dorset adult disabled community the Disabled Entrepreneurs Business Start-up Service (DEBSS), has been fully funded for another 5 years by the National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities.

Our extended flagship project will be able to support over 500 disabled people in Dorset to escape poverty by exploring self-employment with our experience and qualified mentors. The new 5-year DEBSS programme will also introduce a brand-new opportunity for any of our disabled project participants to try out meaningful work experience.



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! Sianell and Rob (alongside some interns) attended three schools within one week this month, so please get in touch if you would like us to come out and speak to your students about self-employment! Give Sianell a message on [sianell.white@sameecharity.org](mailto:sianell.white@sameecharity.org) to find out more information!

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

The Samee team proudly showcased their talents at the Diverse Abilities playtime event, where 1<sup>st</sup> year interns, AF and IG prepared a delicious selection of cupcakes, cakes, flapjacks, and a variety of savoury treats. Families were delighted by the mid-morning refreshments, with many sharing how much they enhanced the experience.



The atmosphere was vibrant and inclusive, filled with joy and connection. While the children were truly the stars of the day, our young adults shone by demonstrating their social and business skills, confidence, and growing independence in a meaningful and inspiring way.



### First year intern JHo, attended the Bournemouth Writing Festival with Work Placement Liaison Diana!

At the Bournemouth Writing Festival, JHO achieved something truly inspiring. He joined a few of the seminars, asked thoughtful questions, and connected confidently with other writers. A standout moment was meeting Dominic Wong, the founder of the festival and writer of two novels, who shared a few valuable tips on finding inspiration when writing. He also discovered several local writing clubs, giving him clear next steps to keep practising and developing his writing. It showed how taking small opportunities like these can help confidence grow over time.



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### Spotlight on our DEBBS Adult Programme

Self-Employment Advisor, Scott has been working alongside Carly. Carly has secured funding which is enabling her to enrol in training to fully qualify in semi-permanent makeup/aesthetics!

Hi Scott, I've had an email to say I have been awarded the full amount for the funding, so I can join the course I need to. I wouldn't have had this funding without your help, your knowledge and your patience with the business plan and cash flow. Not only that but helping me send emails, as I know I wouldn't have done that part without your help, it was a very intense and competitive process to be awarded the funding, and without your help I wouldn't have gotten past those difficulties for me ! I just wanted to say how grateful I am.

Thank you so much."

## Upcoming events!

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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!

### First year intern IR, starts at BAMM

A few weeks ago,, IR visited Bournemouth Academy of Modern Music, and has since begun having DJ lessons. She was so excited that she booked it as soon as the opportunity became available.

During the visit, Steve (the Music production lecturer) shared how inspired he was by the work of Samee and kindly expressed his support, saying he would be delighted to help Samee interns on their music career path.

It's a wonderful example of passion, opportunity, and support coming together to create real possibilities for the future.



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### One of our interns has moved into independent living!

With the support and help of SAMEE, one of our interns has moved into independent living! Staff have been helping out with the moving process, including donating unwanted furniture to the young person!

### First year intern visits the Sight Village Roadshow!

First-year intern LM attended the Sight Village Roadshow in Exeter with our mentors Shaun, Errol, and his dad!

### The Discovery Programme gets off to a flyer!

We now have two young people on our brand new Discovery Programme.

One young person is exploring the options of photography, jewellery making, and other creative opportunities

The other young person is attending Cassidy's Hair Academy and then studying self-employment alongside SAMEE!

### Thank you!

**Poppy** who is only 16, came in to chat to two of our interns about setting up her own baking business!

## Opportunities



### 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](mailto:sianell.white@sameecharity.org) for further information!

