



# **‘WORKS FOR ME’**

## **Delivered by Thomas Pocklington Trust’s Employment Programme**

‘Works For Me’ is the new, free employment service delivered by Thomas Pocklington Trust as part of our wider employment programme. The service is open to anyone living in a London borough who is of working age (18 to 65) and has a visual impairment that they feel impacts on their opportunities for employment and career development. It is not necessary to be registered with a Certificate of Vision Impairment to receive support.

The service is aimed to support those who are seeking paid employment as well as those who are already in paid employment retaining work through sight loss or navigating a career change. The support offered is tailored to the individual but it works with the general aims of developing skills to support transition to the workplace and success in work; providing information and advice on navigating the job market through personal and social barriers; and providing representation and encouragement through that journey.

The service consists of several strands of support and encourages you to build your own path through the service, accessing whichever strands you feel meet your needs. There is no minimum or maximum amount of time accessing the service that you are limited to; nor that you are required to spend, but our aim is to support people to become independent of the service eventually and to progress into a sustainable, enjoyable career.

An example of the support available to you is provided below;

- One to one support either face to face, over the phone, by post or email, with a member of the employment team at various locations across London – this can be one off or ongoing
- Workshops delivered by Pocklington staff and partners at various locations across London

- Employment information and updates distributed through our mailing list
- Drop-in sessions
- Representation or advice when speaking with recruiters and employers
- Peer-led events such as networking and workshops delivered by people who can share their experiences of working with sight loss
- Signposting to other specialist services such as counselling, rehabilitation, education or business start up
- Supported trips to external employment events such as networking sessions, job fairs and conferences

If you are interested in accessing the service, you can either self-refer or be referred by an organisation. The first step is to contact the Employment Project Coordinator, Martin Sigsworth either by email at [martin.sigsworth@pocklington-trust.org.uk](mailto:martin.sigsworth@pocklington-trust.org.uk) or by phone or text on 07980 943009 with your name, number, email address (if applicable), borough of residence, a short explanation of your current employment situation and what support you are seeking. The Employment Project Coordinator will then have an initial conversation with you to help decide what support would be most appropriate and will take things from there.

We also have a timetable of our workshops available. To request a copy in your preferred format, please email [martin.sigsworth@pocklington-trust.org.uk](mailto:martin.sigsworth@pocklington-trust.org.uk) or call or text Martin Sigsworth on 07980 943009. To book a place, it is sufficient to leave your name, number, email address (if applicable), borough of residence and which workshop you would like to book onto. A member of staff will then confirm your place.