

Atkins, Aztec West, Bristol Supported Internship October 2017- July 2018



- Do you want to get a paid job but need support to do this?
- Are you aged 19+ with a self-declared disability?
- Do you live in Gloucestershire or South Gloucestershire?

If the answer to these questions is yes a supported internship at Atkins, Aztec West may be for you?

Who are Steps Into Work?

Steps Into Work are part of Ofsted outstanding National Star College. We have been delivering supported internships in London, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire for the last four years.

Who are Atkins?

Atkins is one of the world's most respected design, engineering and project management consultancies. They have worked on projects like the London Olympic Park and Dubai metro.

What is a supported internship?

A supported internship is a one year, educational course (September/October to July), four days a week (Monday to Thursday). The majority of time is spent in a work placement. Atkins are offering opportunities in catering and administration. The course is unpaid. You can be on benefits but people on JSA aren't eligible.

You will be supported throughout by a tutor/job coach and job buddy to:

- Gain valuable work experience which you can put on your CV.
- Achieve a vocational qualification and improve your English and maths if you don't already have a Level 2.
- Look for a job, attend interviews and move into work at the end of the course. 59% of our interns achieve this.

How do I get there?

You need to be an independent traveller but we can support with new routes. There are buses from Bristol Parkway, Thornbury and the centre of Bristol.

What do I do if I am interested?

For more information or to make a referral contact: Caro Birtles Recruitment & Assessment Coordinator

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More information is also available at: <http://www.nationalstar.org/learning-programmes/prospectus/personalised-learning/supported-internships/gloucester-supported-internship/>

Case Study:



Gavin always wanted to work but he never thought he would find an employer who would want him. Then he signed up for a National Star Steps into Work Supported Internship.

Now the 31-year-old from Cheltenham has a paid job as an administration assistant and is loving every minute of it.

Gavin, who has visual impairment and cerebral palsy, said the difference was that he had on-the-job support which enabled him to understand the tasks he had to do. 'It feels fantastic that when someone asks "Where do you work Gavin?" I can answer,' he said. 'Since I was 16 I wanted to work. It's taken me 15 years but now I've done it. When you find the right people who understand your needs, you can't go wrong.'