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2006 Conference & Annual General Meeting

7th - 9th June 2006
The Guildhall, Portsmouth

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Anne McGuire MP
Minister for Disabled People

Sara Harrison
Diversity and Development
Project Manager, ITV

Jeremy Hunt MP
Shadow Minister for Disabled People

Please note that the conference fee is heavily subsidised for BASE members

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Our conference this year is rather special as we officially launch the new British Association for Supported Employment (BASE).

BASE represents hundreds of agencies that are involved in securing employment for people with disabilities. BASE promotes supported employment through its regional networks and by being a hub of information and good practise.

In 2005 the Association for Supported Employment and the National Association for Supported Employment decided to merge. The result is BASE, a new and stronger voice representing the supported employment industry.

Visit www.base-uk.org to find out more.

This years conference

Our conference offers a wide range of workshops and speakers.

It intends to inform and raise awareness of best practise across the country. It offers an opportunity to network with a variety of organisations and discuss the delivery of high quality supported employment provision.

Who is the conference for?

- Supported employment personnel
- Health and Local Authority Commissioners
- Policy makers and strategists
- Jobcentre Plus staff
- Learning and Skills Councils
- Welfare to Work co-ordinators

Delegates will be given the opportunity to:

- Listen to and question Government Policy
- Discuss current issues in workshops with experienced practitioners
- Hear about best practise in supported employment



The Venue

Home to the Royal Navy for over 800 years and now a world class centre for maritime events, Portsmouth offers miles of sea views and centuries of history.

The Guildhall is located in the heart of the city offering a range of prestigious meeting facilities for up to 2,000 people.

Getting there

Portsmouth Guildhall is located in the Guildhall Square, and directions on how to get there can be found at the website:

www.portsmouthguildhall.co.uk

Accommodation

Portsmouth and its resort of Southsea offer an impressive range of accommodation providing around 5,000 bed spaces. Use the web address below to search the available Accommodation

www.forms.visitportsmouth.co.uk/accommodation

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DAY ONE WEDNESDAY

- 9.00** Refreshments and Registration
- 9.30** Welcome from the Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of Portsmouth
- 10.00** **Key note speech – Anne McGuire MP**
Minister for Disabled People
- 10.45** Break
- 11.15** Parallel Workshops: Session 1
- 12.30** Lunch
- 2.00** Parallel Workshops: Session 2
- 3.15** AfSE AGM (BASE members only)
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- 19.30** Civic Reception with the Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of Portsmouth
- 20.15** Dinner and entertainment

DAY TWO THURSDAY

- 9.00** Refreshments and Welcome
- 9.30** Parallel Workshops: Session 3
- 10.45** Break
- 11.15** **Key note speech - Sara Harrison**
ITV, Diversity and Development Project Manager
- 12.00** Lunch
- 1.30** David Granger award
- 2.00** Parallel Workshops: Session 4
- 3.15** Refreshments
- 3.45** Parallel Workshops: Session 5

DAY THREE FRIDAY

- 9.00** Refreshments and Welcome
- 9.30** Parallel Workshops: Session 6
- 10.45** Break
- 11.15** **Key note speech - Jeremy Hunt MP**
Shadow Minister for Disabled People
- 12.00** Plenary
- 12.30** Finish and Lunch

Please note the programme and workshops may be subject to change.

WORKSHOPS

- **Hidden Disabilities; Dyslexia, dyspraxia, communication and attention difficulties**
- **Working with forensic candidates who have mental health issues.**
- **Unions and Industrial Relations**
- **Diversity; How to promote diversity in your workplace and reap the business benefits**
- **Supported Employment and Person Centred Planning**
- **Early intervention for people with mental health issues**
- **European Perspective on Supported Employment**
- **Modernisation of day services**
- **Working together with Social Firms for greater impact**
- **Disability Equality Schemes & Public Sector Duties**
- **Quality Standards: Supported Employment for the next decade**
- **DWP – Research on Workstep; Feedback and recommendations.**
- **Employers Perspective**
- **The Big Softies: Valuing and recording soft outcomes**
- **Local Area Agreements**
- **Welfare Benefits**
- **Qualifications in Supported Employment**
- **Themed Debate. Learning and Skills Council - Recommendations and provider partnerships with LSC regional learning disability teams.**
- **Themed Debate. Jobcentre Plus - Permitted work: Support for people working under 16 hours**

**... and more
to be arranged**

Anne McGuire MP

Minister for Disabled People



Anne McGuire, MP for Stirling, was elected to the House of Commons in May 1997. She was the Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Scotland from November 1997 to July 1998. In July 1998, she became an Assistant Government Whip and was appointed a Lord Commissioner to the Treasury in June 2001. In June 2002 she became Parliamentary Under Secretary at The Scotland Office before becoming Minister for Disabled People in 2005.

She was Deputy Director, Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations. She has also been a member of the Children's Panel and a Safeguarder for Children. She is also a Vice President of the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council. She has been a senior member of the Labour Party's Scottish Executive and was chair of the party in 1992/93.

Jeremy Hunt MP

Shadow Minister for Disabled People



Jeremy was elected Conservative Member of Parliament for South West Surrey in May 2005. In December 2005 Jeremy was appointed Shadow Minister for Disabled People. Jeremy has long had an interest in social issues, and is using his Shadow Ministerial position to campaign for a better deal for parents of severely disabled children and for carers. He is also pressing for simplification of the highly complex benefit system as it affects disabled people and for the removal of all disincentives in the system that prevent or discourage disabled people from working.

He has a particular interest in international development, and is a member of the International Development Select Committee. Together with a business partner he set up Hotcourses Ltd, the UK's largest publisher of guides and websites to help people choose the right school, college, university or course.

Sara Harrison

Diversity and Development Project Manager, ITV



Sara Harrison started with ITV over six years ago as the Training Manager for ITV Yorkshire. As well as responsibility for staff training & development, her role involved building partnerships between educational institutes and community organisations.

Following the success of various diversity initiatives her role changed in February 2004 to ITV Diversity and Development Project Manager; with the remit of rolling out best practice for diversity, development and educational initiatives across the ITV group.

**Please complete one form per delegate,
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_____	Telephone _____
_____	Facsimile _____

**Do you have any access, dietary or communication needs that we need to be aware of?
If so, please describe them**

Please note that BSL signers will be available for the main speeches and one workshop in each session. Individual delegates may want to fund their own interpreters for the workshops and funding may be available for delegates through the Access to Work scheme. The premises is fully accessible, has disabled parking and rooms with hearing loops (please let us know if parking or hearing loops are required).

Exhibition Space

There will be some exhibition space available at no charge to BASE members and available for hire for non-members. This is limited so please contact us if you wish to bring a stand or display.

Payment Details

Payment by cheque:
I enclose a crossed cheque made payable to the British Association for Supported Employment.

Please invoice:
I enclose* / fax* a purchase order form to confirm the booking.

Invoicing Address

Please forward an invoice to the following address:
(if different to delegate address)

Terms and conditions

Please note that accommodation is not included in the price.

Payment

Payment must be received by the date of the conference.

Cheques should be made payable to the

British Association for Supported Employment.

Cancellations

All cancellations must be received in writing and will be subject to a charge. If we receive the cancellation before **26th May 2006** a charge of 50% will be retained. If we receive a cancellation on or after this date the full fee must be paid. We are happy to accept a substitute delegate if the original delegate is unable to attend.

I confirm that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions:

Authorised Signature _____ Date _____

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