Full-time work and alternative destinations: outcomes and achievements for learners

About Natspec

- membership organisation for 70+ independent specialist colleges
- 59 funded by YPLA/LAs, remainder by LA schools and/or social services
- member colleges offer further education to c 4,000 students whose complex learning and support needs cannot be met locally

Natspec’s activities

- provide information, support & training for members
- make active links with a range of partners
- represent members' interests to policy makers and funders
- offer advice & support to learners, families & other professionals

Value of specialism

- personalised learning programmes informed by learner's aspirations
- multi-disciplinary staff teams that work together
- mostly residential, supporting practical independent living

Value of specialism

- creative use of technology
- strong focus on communication
- listen to learners

Value of specialism

The first and right choice for some learners

Goals and achievements

- wide range of aspirations, leading to
- wide range of learning goals, leading to
- wide range of achievements

Achievements

- active participation in the community

Achievements

- living independently
- directing carers

Achievements

- gaining appropriate qualifications
- further education or training

Achievements

- Volunteering
- Getting a job