

Direct Education Business Partnership (DEBP) supports children, young people, and vulnerable adults to have a positive future. We are a charitable organisation that links young people with opportunities and welcomes them into the world of work. We work primarily with people aged 11-25 within many communities including mainstream schools, SEND, and expelled students.



What is Youth Voice?

Young people and disabled people are finally starting to be involved in discussions and creating solutions to the issues that affect them. This project is the first of its kind and will inform the way the system treats young and disabled people countrywide regarding employment and further education.

What are our goals?

We are working to fix systematic issues that affect a young person's journey through education and into employment. Our primary goal is to capture youth voices, allowing young people to shape their future and make a real difference in decision-making processes.



A team of Youth Voice Ambassadors representing the four districts of D2N2 (Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, and Nottinghamshire) will host Youth Development Board meetings to listen to the perspectives of young people and empower them to take up space in the world of work.

Meet the Youth Voice Ambassadors



Jack Corbin
Derby



Emily Fellows
Derbyshire



Habibah Ghani
Nottingham



Akil Johnson
Nottinghamshire

What will you be doing?

You will have group discussions focusing on education and employment, what works and what does not. Your lived experience will help us to identify problems in the system that you would like us to solve. The meetings will also be an opportunity for you to get to know fellow young people with similar values and goals and improve your confidence with socialising and group discussions.



What will you get out of it?

You will all fill out a Skills Portfolio over the course of the Board meetings. This will be a personal document used to record certificates, personal development plans, reflective activities, testimonials and references, badges, and more. This is a useful diary you can take to future employers to show off the skills you have developed and experiences you have been involved in.



Scan the QR code to watch a YouTube video with more information about the Youth Development Board. For any other queries please email kai.partington@debp.org

