Join today
BASE membership is open to all. Our members come from the public, voluntary and private sectors and include local and national providers.

We encourage membership from:
» grassroots organisations and social enterprises providing employment support and vocational training
» Local authorities
» FE colleges providing supported internships
» work Programme and Work Choice providers
» charities which support people with disabilities with aspirations to work, and
» organisations providing specialist employment support for people with a disability or other economic disadvantage.

As an association & registered charity we are reliant on membership subscriptions to fund the work that we do. You can support us by joining BASE.

Full membership is currently only available to organisations that deliver specialist employment support services but associate membership is available to employers and other organisations that support the work of BASE.

The British Association for Supported Employment is the national trade association representing hundreds of agencies involved in securing employment for people with disabilities.

The association aims to raise awareness of supported employment, represent the sector on a collective basis, inform members, and encourage best practice. BASE facilitates regional member networks and supports providers and employers by being a hub of information and good practice.

BASE is managed by a voluntary national executive committee comprising individuals with many years’ experience of working in & managing the supported employment sector. We are held accountable to members through our Annual General Meetings and through regional networks.

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BASE is registered in England and Wales as a company Reg No 05794990 Registered Charity No 1136395.
Membership benefits

✓ Free listing of your service on our website & publicity via social media channels
✓ Full access to our dedicated website which includes best practice, case studies and sector news
✓ Access to our regional network meetings
✓ Advice and guidance on how to achieve improved service outcomes
✓ Discounts on BASE training courses & events
✓ Free advertising of vacancies
✓ Opportunities to feed into national & international policy on education & employment for people with disabilities and be part of a respected national voice
✓ Voting rights at the AGM (associate members are not entitled to vote)

What we do

» Promote supported employment to jobseekers, employers, policy makers and commissioners within the private, public & voluntary sectors, FE colleges, NHS Trusts and national Governments.
» Support members to professionalise their workforce via the National Occupational Standards (NOS), offering information on ways to improve service outcomes.
» Provide competitively priced training linked to the NOS and consultancy services on supported employment and including project design & evaluation, commissioner support.
» Lobby for effective policy and the improved funding of employment support for people with disabilities.
» Inform our members through regional networks, events, newsletters, and our website.

Influencing policy, Improving practice

What our members say

"United Response is a national member and we find it an invaluable resource. Cannot recommend them enough."
United Response

"Being a member of BASE means we have access to support, advice, information and training which has helped us to reinforce internally and with our commissioned suppliers the importance of providing a sustainable high quality service for people with disabilities in Gloucestershire."
Gloucestershire County Council

"Being a member of BASE has been incredibly useful for the NAS Employment Training Team. It is a great way for Supported Employment organisations to share knowledge and best practice."
National Autistic Society