



Report about YES study

Finishing high school



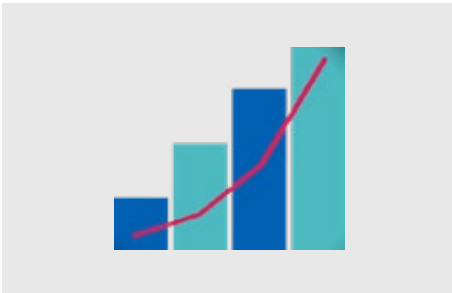
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About this report



The University of Melbourne did **research** about young people and work.



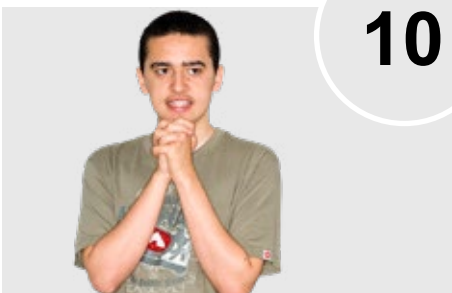
Research means to look into something to find out more about it.



Our research was called the **YES study**.



We wanted to find out what young people with disability think about work.



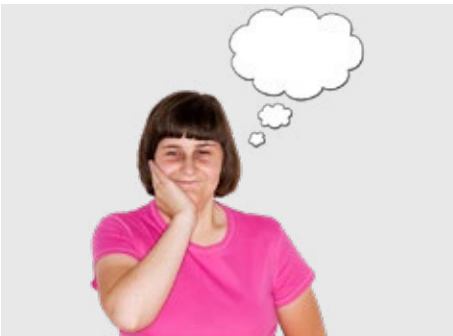
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For our research we talked to 10 young people with intellectual disability.

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We also talked to 14 young people with **mental health** disability.



Mental health means how you think and feel.



We asked all 24 young people

- How they find a job
- How they keep their job.



We wrote this report to share what we found out from our research.

Finishing high school



This part of the research is about when young people with disability finish high school.



We wanted to find out how high school helped young people get ready for work.



We also wanted to find out what was hard for young people after high school.

Work experience



Many young people in high school do **work experiences**.



Work experiences are when you do a job for a short time to

- See what it is like
- Learn new skills.



Work experiences can help young people find out what they want to do after high school.



We asked young people what was hard about their work experience.



Some young people said that it was hard to find a place to do work experience.



Some young people said that their **mental health** issues made it hard to work.



Some young people look after other family members.



That made it hard for them to have time to do work experience.



Some young people said it helped them that they have a good home.



It would have been hard for them to work if they did not have a good home.



Some young people left school too early to do work experience.



Some did not have any support to find work experience.

Some said the support they had



- Did not help them find work experience



- Made them do a work experience they did not like.

Studying after high school



We asked young people if they find it hard to study after high school.



This might have been at

- Uni
- TAFE.



Some of them said they do not have the money to pay for study.



Some young people worried about having support with things like reading and writing.



Some said they could not get a **Government loan** for what they wanted to study.



A **Government loan** is money you get from the government and pay back later.

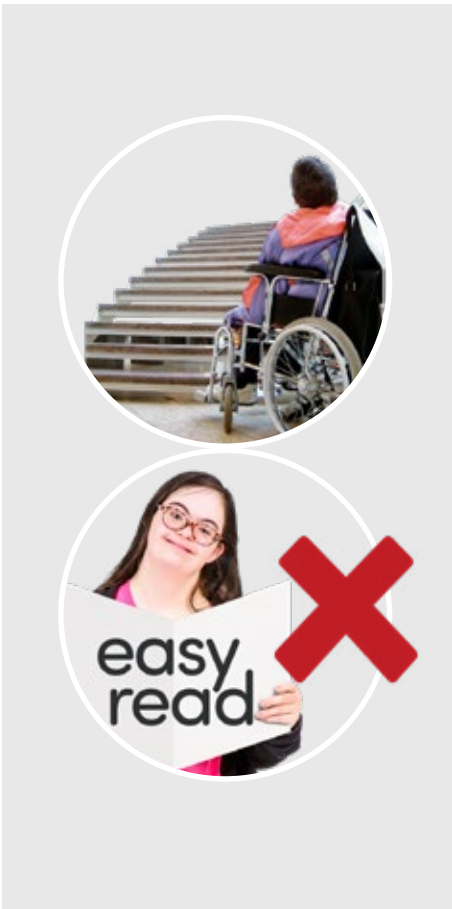


Some young people could not study because of things that happened in their life like

- Mental health issues
- Being homeless.



Some young people could not study what they wanted because it was **not accessible**.

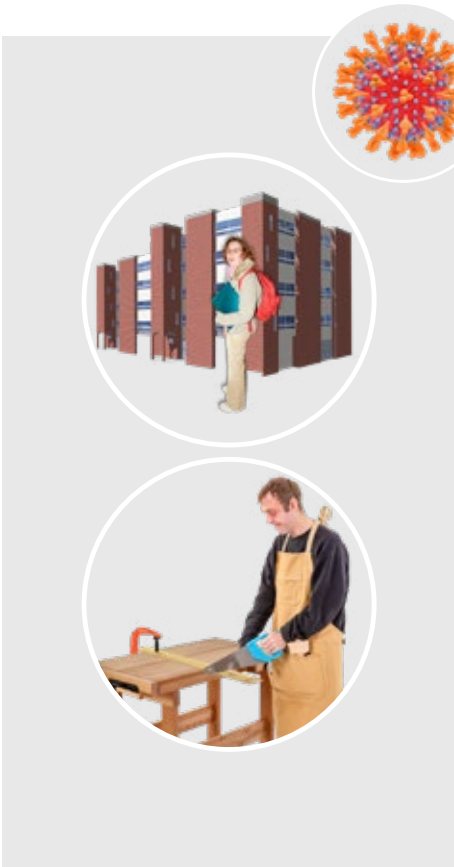


Not accessible could mean that they

- Could not get into the place where the study was
- Did not have information in a way they can understand.



Some young people said it was hard to do study and work and also have time to rest.



COVID-19 made it very hard to

- Sign up for studying

- Do **apprenticeships**.

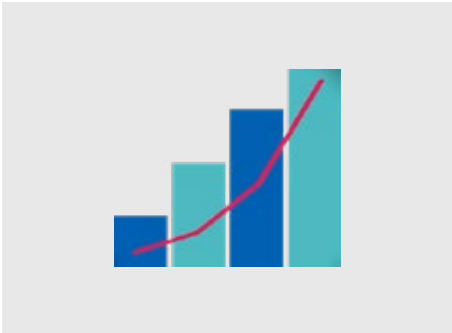


Apprenticeships are when you work at a place and study that job at the same time.



This might be to become a plumber or hairdresser.

More information



You can contact us to find out more about our research.



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