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## **LDDC LAUNCHES REPORT ON SPECIAL NEEDS TRAINING**

A study of training and employment opportunities  
for people with disabilities in London Docklands.

A new report commissioned by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) and joint funded with the London East Training and Enterprise Council (LETEC), "A Review of Training and Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities in London Docklands" was launched today.

Viscount Ullswater, Undersecretary of State for Employment with special responsibility for the training and employment of people with disabilities formally launched the report.

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The report aims to provide:

- Information about the numbers of working age people with disabilities in London Docklands area.
- The education, training and employment opportunities available to them.
- The support mechanisms that exist for them.
- It also provides case study evidence from employers and people with disabilities.

The purpose of the report was to identify gaps in existing provision and ways in which these can be filled.

The report makes thirty-five recommendations aimed at existing providers of training, the LDDC and the two Training and Enterprise Councils which cover the LDDC area.

Some of the major recommendations are based around improving awareness of training and employment opportunities, enhancing access to existing training programmes, improving advice and support mechanisms and broadening the range of vocational training.

Comments Bob Pringle, Economic and Infrastructure Task Group Manager for the LDDC. "This report challenges all those involved in training people with special needs. It clearly identifies the additional barriers that such people face and suggests a framework of improvements which could ensure that all local residents, irrespective of need, can benefit from the training and employment opportunities available in London Docklands."

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The LDDC is already supporting a number of training projects aimed specifically at people with disabilities. It is now discussing with LETEC, the Spitalfields Task Force, LBTH and the Employment Service the possibilities of establishing a specialist access centre in London Docklands for people with disabilities.

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