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Employing People on the Autism Spectrum – The University Experience

**Annette Davidson
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Disability & Dyslexia Service
Student Services Department

Robert Gordon University

- At Robert Gordon University we focus on preparing students for the world of work through a proven combination of professional placements, academic and research excellence, and state-of-the-art facilities.




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Robert Gordon University

- Vocational University
- 3 Faculties
 - Design and Technology
 - Health and Social Care
 - Aberdeen Business School
- Approx 15,000 students - 12.5% registered with the Disability & Dyslexia Service
- 27 current students with ASD




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The Disability & Dyslexia Service

- Confidential advice and support to disabled students and prospective students including:-
 - A tailor-made package for each student
 - Making recommendations to improve the teaching and learning environment
 - Assessment of needs
 - Support to apply for Disabled Students' Allowance
 - Referring to an Educational Psychologist for assessment for SpLD's including screening for ASD



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- Training in Enabling Technology and short term loan of IT equipment
- Liaison with external agencies, e.g. Grampian Autistic Society, National Autistic Society and Momentum Scotland
- Staff awareness training
- Advocacy with Academic and other departments
- Work placement support




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Support for Students with ASD

- Individual transition support, e.g. School visits, site tours, meeting key staff
- Transitions Day
- Early assessment of needs
- Working with NAS/GAS Educational Outreach and Student Support
- Working with the Careers Centre on CVs, interview techniques, job search skills, etc.



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Areas for Development

- Support for independent living
 - Living with other people
 - Eating/Cooking
 - Sleeping
 - Shopping
 - Household chores
 - Personal Care
- Motivational Support

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