

## 6. Methodology and Contributors

### 6.1 Methodology

To gather evidence for this inquiry, we held three roundtable evidence sessions with a variety of stakeholders including disabled people, disability employment specialists, inclusive education professionals, and assistive technology providers. We also analysed written submissions to our call for evidence and online survey, and supplemented our findings with in-depth interviews with disabled people, employers, and disability support service providers. This evidence highlighted issues that disabled people face transitioning into employment, but also unearthed examples of best practice and strategies for how the UK can use technology to close the disability employment gap and allow disabled people to contribute their talents to an inclusive economic recovery. The views in this report are those of the author and Policy Connect. They were informed by the listed contributors, but do not necessarily reflect the opinions of these organisations.

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### Written submissions to the call for evidence

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Centre for Social Justice	Scanning Pens
Diversity and Ability	Unity Works
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### Interviews

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