

We are making great progress with our Building Better Opportunities ‘eMploY-ABILITY’ programme – we have over 120 participants on their journey with us to work, active job search or education and training - this is just one example of the activity taking place and how our team and the participants are working together to achieve some great outcomes



Our Participant was introduced to us at the YMCA by our Building Better Opportunities eMploY-ABILITY partner, CP Learning Trust, after he had engaged with their Key Worker.

When we met, he told us that he has an excellent education and gained good grades from his GCSEs, he therefore went on to University, however after having a bad experience, he didn't complete his degree. Instead he came away with a HND in Computer Science. The experience that he encountered had left him anxious with no confidence. He identified that he was not very experienced in applying for work and would like help and support in updating his CV, creating a covering letter and applying for jobs online. After completing these actions, his confidence got better and he now felt that he had moved forward on his journey toward employment.

After working with our YMCA Key Worker and having regular 1:1 meetings, they worked together to find jobs online and to talk about other avenues of employment in his chosen sector. After the 2nd appointment he had registered with an agency who specialised in IT recruitment and applied for roles with Global Technology Solutions and BGL Group. Our Participant also wanted to gain some experience in the work sector and wanted to look into volunteering opportunities in the area. We worked with PCVS who sourced local positions including an introduction to Metro Bank.

"Amy has been a great help to me and my confidence and supporting me in how to look for a job in the most professional way"

Metro Bank had offered to provide help with interview skills and our participant attended a positive meeting with Steve at Metro Bank. He felt that Steve had given him good advice with interview tips including how to provide answers at interview which was something that he was concerned about due to his length of unemployment. Steve at Metro Bank also gave our participant details of local employers who he felt it might provide him with the kind of work he is looking for.

We were very impressed with our participants' enthusiasm, positive activities and proactive steps that he was taking to improve himself. We spoke about becoming a BBO Champion for the eMploY-ABILITY project and he happily accepted this opportunity. He applied through the YMCA Volunteering Portal and was offered the position to work alongside our Key Worker. After working with us, he told us that he is really enjoying doing the volunteering work and some of the clients have shown real interest in the opportunities that he has been sourcing for them and have signed up to apply. This is great for our clients who do not have computer experience and may otherwise not be able to find these positions themselves.



Our Participant has been a real asset to the team, and whilst he is still applying for paid positions in the area, we can see his confidence increasing and it won't be long before he secures his next dream job. Well done!

"It has been great to see this participant go from strength to strength with his confidence and to watch him support our clients in a really positive way. This is all thanks to the support he has received from the BBO project" Hannah Access to Employment Manager, YMCA



Get involved - 3 ways to join the eMploY-ABILITY journey...

- Refer your clients
- Provide support and services
- Open doors to volunteering, work experience & employment

For enquiries regarding services or volunteering/work experience/employment please contact the BBO Team on employability@peterboroughplus.co.uk