

Michael's Journey

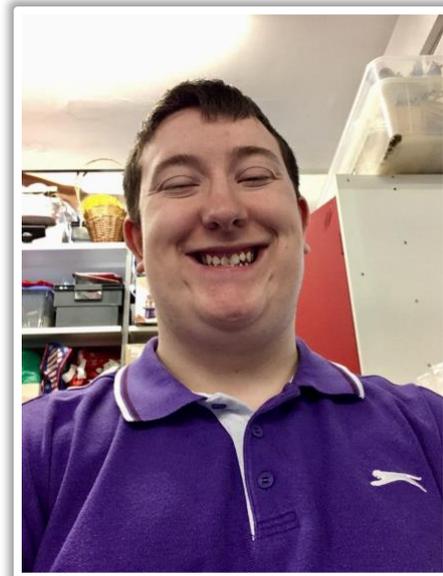
From Education to Employment



The beginning...

Michael began his journey accessing an employment pathway through Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), based at the Catcote Metro. This programme was designed specifically for young people with additional needs who were struggling to access employment or find a suitable career route.

Michael was unsure as to where he would like to work and wanted to complete taster sessions within a variety of work sectors.



Careers and Enterprise

Michael fully embraced the Careers and Enterprise programme trying out new skills and projects to test his creativity. This programme equipped Michael to build his confidence in his own abilities and build relationships with the Careers and Enterprise team.

Learning to fly...



Michael progressed well during the first year of his programme and accessed some taster sessions in retail, based at our very own retail training arm The Catcote Metro. This gave Michael the confidence and the opportunity to 'try new things' in a safe environment which fully supported his needs. Michael enjoyed this work environment so much he was able to transfer his skills to an external placement within the retail sector.



Working Hart Project...

Michael took part in the working hart project based at Hartfield's residential village which offered him the opportunity to have short taster sessions in a variety of work sectors including; retail, catering, care and office work.



External Work Placements

During Michaels journey, he explored several career sectors and recognised he had a natural ability and aspiration to work within the child care sector. Michael has focused on a singular work placement at Footprints Day nursery. Here Michael has developed his communication skills and began to demonstrate a flair creating educational activities for the children to complete.



Continuous development.....

Michael will continue with his own sector specific training by accessing Level 2 Health and Social Care with the Learning Curve training provider in July 2022.