

WORKING TOGETHER

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MAXXING JOB CHANCES IN BROMLEY AND LEWISHAM

Jalil was referred to Go Train for Pathways to Employment. She had been unemployed for just over a year and her barriers included a lack of job search skills and having no interview experience. Jalil wanted to work in the retail sector and she completed

Customer Service, Retail and PSS. During her time with us her skills and confidence really improved and we decided she was ready to attend an interview we arranged for her with TK Maxx in Lewisham. Jalil got her retail job and has already started work.

SUCCESS SUITS ALEX IN GRAVESEND

Alex came to Go Train in September to take the Employability course. He soon identified appropriate roles for his skills and applied for a job with the local council as a waste collection operative. Alex made his application part of his coursework and thoroughly researched the job role. He was invited for an interview and, as the Employability course includes interview training, we scheduled a mock interview with Alex after his lunch break. We were amazed to see that Alex

had gone home and changed into a suit. He was impeccably dressed and this, and his detailed job research, gave him the confidence to perform really well in the practice interview. Alex's investment paid off . . . Alex came back the following week to say that he had got the job!



SECURING EMPLOYMENT IN CHATHAM

A group of learners at Go Train Chatham successfully completed a pre-employment training programme for the security company TSS. Out of the nine candidates interviewed, eight were offered further training with TSS to gain an SIA licence, followed by job offers from the company.

We were able to help some of the candidates further by organising birth certificates for them, without which they could not secure their job offers. The pre-employment training was a huge success - one we would like to replicate in the new year.



ON THE TOOLS IN WOOLWICH

Callum was referred to Go Train in September by GLLAB for the Work Fit and Kit programme. He was quite shy and had some barriers to work and learning due to his mental health.

Callum really pushed himself and attended every day, each day growing in confidence and making new friends. He proved himself to be reliable and hardworking during his time in the classroom and he really started to shine.

Upon completion of his six weeks' training, Callum was feeling really positive and upbeat. He even asked to complete some work experience in administration with us. Callum was punctual, proactive and extremely

eager to help during his work experience placement.

In his first week with us he attended a job interview with Tool Station and was successful! Callum feels his job success is due to Go Train's training, support and encouragement.



MARCEL EXCELS IN CAMDEN

Marcel started our Basic ICT course with only very limited computer skills, but hoped to learn how to use Excel. She was particularly interested in a management role in hospitality, an area where she had previous experience, and felt that being able to decipher spreadsheets would greatly improve her job chances. On her last day with us, she informed us that she had received a job offer from a bar/restaurant in Camden and was able to demonstrate to the interviewer that she could read spreadsheets relating to the accounts.

She starts work very soon!

"Transforming lives by improving skills, preparing for jobs and building careers."

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ONE-TO-ONE WINS THE JOB IN POPLAR/TOWER HAMLETS

Imran was referred by Parvin, his workcoach at Poplar Job Centre, for employability training. Imran found it difficult coming to terms with being unemployed and he suffered multiple breakdowns while on Employment Support Allowance. Following his Induction at Go Train and one-to-one guidance, Imran began to regain a sense of purpose and to develop the right mindset for looking for a job. With the support of his tutor Isra, he embarked on work skills training, and his positive engagement in class led to his successful completion of the course. We organised an interview for Imran with Argos for the position of Retail Sales Assistant, which he did really well in. Imran was offered the position and started work on 10th November at Argos in Edmonton Green. Imran reported back: "I felt well supported at Go Train. Isra understood the problems I had and she was able to connect with me and give me advice. It is really great that I have a new job to look forward to as I thought it wouldn't happen for me again."

FULLY OPERATIVE IN GRAYS

Leigh had been out of work for seven months. She was referred by Grays JCP for the Amazon Pre-employment Course. Leigh completed the course and then attended an interview for a role with Amazon. Leigh was successful and was offered a permanent contract as a Warehouse Operative.



FAIR RETAIL ENDING FOR KERRY IN DARTFORD

Kerry, a single parent, believed she had no hope of finding a job. However, from week one she began feeling confident that this wasn't the case and we worked with her to find jobs that would fit with her parenting needs. Kerry applied for a position with Smyths Toys. It was the first interview she attended and she got the job! Additionally, due to being a single mum, she was allowed to choose her hours.

Kerry says, "The staff at Go Train are so friendly and approachable and make you feel so welcome. I have met some great people on the courses and have been taught by some fantastic tutors. The best part was building my confidence for job interviews and that Go Train works with recruitment agencies to match us with available jobs. I can

honestly say that without Go Train and all of the staff there I wouldn't have got this job as I wouldn't have felt confident enough to approach this opportunity. It will be sad to leave Go Train but I am now employed so I can support myself and my son, which is what I have always wanted."



REECE STRETCHES HIMSELF AT POUNDSTRETCHER BASILDON

Reece was sent to us from Basildon JCP to undertake the Poundstretcher SBWA back in January. Reece was hired after successfully completing the course and work trial. During a meeting with Poundstretcher this week to set up the new SBWA for them, we found out that not only is Reece doing well there but that he has been promoted to Trainee Manager.

Reece told us: "I am really enjoying my new role and would just like to thank everyone at Go Train who supported me and that gave me the confidence to get where I am today."



AT HOME WITH TRAVELODGE IN ROMFORD

Elle was homeless when she was referred by Romford Job Centre. She had low self-esteem and lacked confidence. Elle took IT and Employability. We arranged an interview for her with Travelodge which led to her being offered a job.

Elle says: "I am really happy that my advisor sent me here. It has helped me focus on what's important and that is finding a job and my own place to live. I feel more motivated and my IT skills are so much better now. Thank you."