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CARING CLAIRE GETS CARE JOB IN MAIDSTONE

Claire came to us for our Lone Parent course. She was quick to settle in and to help others adjust as well. Claire's work was always to a high standard and she took pride in making sure she was doing her best. Throughout the course, Claire was introduced to multiple employers, including Continuity Care who came in to talk about job opportunities. Claire immediately

wanted to apply and was set a date for her guaranteed interview. **Claire excelled in her interview and was offered the job at Continuity Care.**

"I've loved coming to Go Train. The staff have helped me so much and have always been supportive. They've helped me find work that meets my needs and matches my passion." - Claire



Continuity Of Care Services

WOOLWICH HELPS BRIA GET HER BEAUTY SPOT

Bria came to Go Train Woolwich to enrol on the Work Fit + Kit course. Her confidence really improved and with our help she determined that she wanted a career in the beauty industry. After passing Employability EL3, we are delighted to say that **Bria was accepted by the London College of Beauty Therapy.**



DEGREE COURSE FOR DEEJ

Deej was one of our first Work Fit + Kit learners at Go Train Swindon, who we helped to get a part-time job and a college place to study Art & Design. **Deej recently came in to see us and informed us that he now has a provisional university offer!** Wonderful news Deej!

"Just thought I'd let you guys know that I've been offered a conditional offer to study an honours degree in Illustration at Oxford Brookes University! It all depends on my end of year grade and my portfolio, but my tutor feedback is all positive and I have a portfolio ready! Just want to say thank you all so much for all your hard work and support. If I hadn't had the opportunity to train with you all I honestly wouldn't be here today." - Deej

LIZ GETS MOTORING IN DARTFORD

Liz came to us to complete Basic IT, IT level 1 and Employability and is **now working at Tesla in Dartford as an administrator.**

"I attended three courses with Go Train following my redundancy. I can honestly say if I hadn't enrolled, I wouldn't have had the confidence or self-esteem to apply for the jobs I did. I am now starting a new chapter in my life with a new job and better pay and feel Go Train helped me get there." - Liz



TESLA MOTORS

GRAVESEND & DARTFORD

WELCOME TERRY TO THE TEAM

"When I lost my company, I lost everything. I was at rock bottom. Little did I know that a phone call to the National Debtline would change my life. They advised me to book an appointment with my local JCP, where I met my new work coach, Mel. I wanted a complete career change and liked the idea of teaching due to my volunteer coaching role. I discussed this and explained that I had no qualifications, but Mel worked her magic and could not do enough to help me. After some research on college courses and routes into teaching, Mel advised me to have a meeting with Go Train. The following Monday I started my first course. I did not know what to expect, I was not very good at school so was not looking forward to it to be honest. After participating within the course, I grew in confidence - spurred on by my Tutor and the support from all the staff at Gravesend. When my time was up with Go Train, I asked if I could come back and help out voluntarily, just because I loved being there which helped me deal with being unemployed. **Now I work as part of the brilliant Go Train Dartford team** who have supported me immensely and continue to do so today. Thank you Romee, Kelly, Shannon, Bindesh and Gman! And a special thanks to Mel my job coach and Georgina and Del who started me on my path to a career change.

Going to Go Train to complete a course has changed my life for the better. I love my job for the first time in my life and really feel part of a company that is doing a lot of good for people in times of need, something that I am extremely proud to be part of." - Terry

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TAYLOR-MADE ROLE FOR PETER IN CHIPPENHAM

Peter was on long-term sick leave from a job that he had worked in for many years and he had just signed up for benefits. Due to isolation from his work and colleagues, his confidence had suffered and he had concerns about no longer being up to speed with the job he loved. Peter came to Go Train and completed six weeks with us. He was thrilled to gain ICT skills as he'd never had to use a computer at work before. We are really pleased to say that **Peter had a recent meeting with his company, Taylor Davis, and, due to his new skills in ICT, they have created a brand-new role for him within the company.**

"The course and just the general culture and environment in the

Chippenham centre helped me back into a really good and positive place. The ICT skills I have learnt have been so beneficial to me. I wasn't great at school and it was such a long time ago I did have my doubts when coming in. There were some points on the courses where I really did struggle but no one made me feel bad about that and there was always extra assistance if I needed it. Go Train is so brilliant and I feel so privileged to have been able to come here and I am so grateful to the staff there for the help." - Peter



PATHWAYS TO WORK IN MAIDSTONE

David's Story

David came to Go Train Maidstone to take our twelve-week Pathways course. David had no qualifications, or much confidence in his abilities, but he was positive and determined to move forward. He listened to advice from his tutors and took pride in his work. He has now started to do presentations in front of his class, which is something he thought he would never do. David has secured two interviews, one with furniture maker Pineapple and the other with Landscape Services. We have our fingers crossed for him.

"I was worried I'd be unemployed for the rest of my life but now I've got interviews coming out of my ears!" - David

Karon's Story

Karon also came to Maidstone to take the Pathways course. Her confidence was extremely low when she started with us and we worked hard with her to help her feel more comfortable talking in a group of people and in giving her opinion. Karon is coming out of her shell, taking on leadership roles in teams and volunteering her opinions and answers during group discussions! We believe Karon's motivation to work has often been suppressed by her anxiety about meeting new people. However, thanks to her tutors, other learners, new friends and the environment in the centre, we believe that Karon is on the right track.



A BIGGER PICTURE FOR THOMAS IN SWINDON

When Thomas came to Go Train he suffered with extreme social anxiety and was facing some challenging issues with potentially becoming homeless. He was very reclusive but, due to having two young children, he knew he needed help. Thomas completed six weeks at Go Train - four of these under the NEET, Get Ahead programme. He is now in a better place mentally and has learnt valuable skills in how to search for jobs and attend interviews with confidence. Thomas has now **secured a full-time job at Cineworld in Swindon as a Customer Service Assistant.**

"Go Train genuinely changed my life. I can't believe the place I am in now with my confidence and knowledge. It gave me a safe space to come to and to interact with people, which was something I had not had or done in a very long time. I've now got tools I can use correctly - such as cover letters which I didn't even know about before. But I have to say the biggest benefit to me was a safe and inclusive environment to be in with staff and tutors who I thought were absolutely brilliant and genuinely cared about the people they are supporting." - Thomas



COURSES FOR COVENTRY JOBS

Coventry ran a course before Christmas which resulted in some of our candidates gaining employment. The employers were extremely happy with the candidates we provided and the course we delivered. As a result of this, we are delivering an additional course for the employer and hope to have more candidates in employment soon.

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CAREER REAWAKENING FOR JAMES IN CHATHAM SLEEPEEZEE PET

James had been unemployed for over three years when he was referred by Jatinder at Chatham JCP for the Sleeppezee PET. We helped James work on his skills and when the Sleeppezee employers visited the Centre, James felt confident in asking them about the jobs on offer. **James went on to gain employment with**

Sleeppezee and has been working there since January!



Sleeppezee

MAIDSTONE CENTRE HELPS NANCY FIND CORRECT JOB

Nancy enrolled on our Pathways course. Her attitude has been very positive, and she has taken part in workshops for CVs, interviews and how to write speculative and cover letters. Nancy has been dedicated in her job searching and **she now has an interview with Maidstone Prison for the role of Corrections Officer**. It's been great to see Nancy so excited about her interview!

"I've been to Go Train before and always feel like my confidence goes up when I'm here. I'm looking forward to my interview on Friday!" – Nancy



UMAR ANSWERS THE CALL AT RESPONDEZ

Umar recently attended a two-week SBWA at Go Train Dudley, where he completed a Customer Service course and an ICT Level 1 course, with a further week of Short Online Qualifications. At the start of his third week with Go Train, Umar attended two interviews: one with the surveying firm Hampton Lovett and the other with Respondez. Although Umar didn't get the job at Hampton Lovett, **he aced the interview at Respondez and was offered the job later that day**. Umar was a pleasure to have at the Centre and enjoyed his time so much that he hand-wrote the following: "I felt welcomed from the start at Go Train.

All the staff put 100% of their effort into making you feel at home and like your career matters. From the start you can see it is Go Train's mission to get you into a job you're interested in as soon as possible. The team do a brilliant job with help and guidance all the way until employment. Thanks to Go Train I will be starting my new job next week and I can move onto my next steps in life. Thank you so much to everyone that helped me!"



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DANIELA EXCELS IN MAIDSTONE

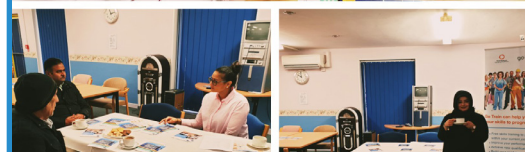
Daniela came to Go Train to take Basic IT and Level 1 IT. She told us she was "scared of computers" but she rocketed through her courses and was soon successfully creating Excel spreadsheets and creating posters with pictures in Word. Daniela excelled in her exams and we hope her new-found skills will be her entry to the job market very soon.

THE TRUE EMBODIMENT OF OUR GO TRAIN CULTURE

Bobby, a Go Train tutor in Coventry, has been so determined to give learners the best chance possible at passing the SAGE course, that he has spent his weekends taking and passing the SAGE course himself. So he now knows all the potential pitfalls of the course! On top of this, Bobby recently merged two unrelated groups together due to a shortage of tutors and even cancelled his annual leave on Valentine's Day to put our learners first. This was without any request from management. With all this considered, the team at Go Train Coventry just wanted to say, **'Thank You, Bobby!'**

WALSALL COFFEE MORNING

Go Train Walsall held a Coffee Morning in Birchills to discuss how we can help the community increase their skills and confidence to return to work.



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