

We are making great progress with our Building Better Opportunities 'eMploY-ABILITY' programme – we have over 130 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 has been on the eMploY-ABILITY programme since November 2017. She was referred through our BBO delivery partner, CP Learning Trust, after working with their Tier 1 Key Worker.

This participant was not working and recovering from an illness. She came onto the programme trying to return to work and needed help and support to overcome barriers to help her get back onto her feet.

After being diagnosed with dyslexia recently, she had a reason of why she had found working in catering quite difficult, especially when it came to taking orders and making mistakes. This has therefore caused severe anxiety and depression from not being able to keep a job for any long period of time. It has also been difficult to search and apply for jobs online.



After meeting with the YMCA Tier 2 Key Worker, our participant has come on leaps and bounds and we have been very proud of the progress that she has made. We identified that she may suit a position in retail, as it has similar transferrable skills from catering and aspects of the job that she enjoyed, such as working with customers. The participant identified that she would like to take on some volunteering roles to gain experience.



From L-R - Patricia,
Amy & Penny

Our YMCA Key Worker worked with the Tier 3 Entry to Work Volunteer Placement and Employment Engagement Worker from PCVS to support the participant in applying for suitable volunteering roles.

She was successful in securing a retail position for MAGPAS and is thoroughly enjoying it. The Manager has said that she has a key eye for detail and has been given lots of positive feedback. Following on from this, she has found a passion for window dressing and dressing the mannequins. The Manager has given our participant, her own space to look after and keep up to date which has been great for her self-confidence.

We are very pleased that our participant has decided to enrol on a Level 1 Retail course at Peterborough City College and has also been applying for jobs online, recently securing a job interview at Banardos for a paid sales assistant position.

"Before finding this project, I was sat at home all day drinking coffee. Now I feel like I have a sense of worth and value" Penny S



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