

Removing barriers to give everyone the opportunity to reach their potential

Dylan's Supported Internship



“I am delighted that I have achieved paid work at Active Ken Ward as a Facility Attendant and I really enjoy working with people in the fitness industry. I hope to further my career in this sector and continue to develop my knowledge beyond the Supported Internship”.

“Having completed a work placement at iTrain and completing a 4 week work trial at Active Ken Ward this has given me the confidence to pursue a career in the fitness industry and follow in the footsteps of other fitness professionals at our Active Tameside facilities”.

Dylan – Supported Intern

Like many young people, Dylan was unsure about his future and being able to secure paid employment. He wanted to work but lacked confidence due to increased levels of anxiety. Securing a place on the Supported Internship Employability Programme proved to be exactly the platform he needed to help him succeed and gain important skills to take him forward.

He started his work placement at iTrain Gym in Dukinfield where he completed the roles of a Facility Attendant. At first he was anxious and apprehensive but with guidance and support he became more and more confident. His duties included undertaking general cleaning of all areas to the highest standards, including the appearance of Gym equipment and the overall appearance of Gym areas.

“When he is not working he is training in the Gym, Dylan is always keen to help out as much as he can. The customers and management team have recognised the impact that Dylan has made at iTrain and he is an asset to the company's expectations”. **Karl Cannon – Team Leader (iTrain Gym)**

Dylan demonstrates great work ethic, enthusiasm and is always willing to learn new skills. On completion of his first placement at iTrain an opportunity came up at Active Ken Ward for some casual work as a Facility Attendant. The management team offered him a working interview for four weeks. The management team were very pleased and offered paid work every Saturday with a view to covering more hours.

“Dylan is a nice friendly young man who has come on leaps and bounds from the shy unsure of himself lad who first came to start a work trial here at Active Ken Ward. I was amazed at how fast Dylan took to learning the duties and also the great pride he takes in cleaning and maintaining the Gym here. I was so impressed with Dylan that I offered him a paid casual shift and he continued to shine. Dylan has become a great credit to the team here at Active Ken Ward”. **Jon Ronzo - Assistant Service Manager (Active Ken Ward)**

“Dylan has excelled in his role and both teams at iTrain and Active Ken Ward have noticed the difference he has made working in their facilities. He continues to grow in confidence developing valuable employability skills during his time on the Supported Internship Employability Programme. I am extremely proud to have supported Dylan in achieving a paid outcome with Active Tameside”. **Scott Beswick – Internship Development Officer**

“Dylan has transformed himself whilst on the Internship Programme. The dramatic change in his confidence and communication skills has been tremendous. Dylan's dedication and commitment have allowed him to achieve so much within the year, I am very proud of him”. **Julie Fletcher – College Tutor (Tameside College)**