

## Trainee Stories

### Trainee Story 1

Trainee 1 came to E2E at Enta through our outreach work in Birmingham City hostels. She is a lone parent, and has a history of emotional turmoil, and many challenging social and domestic issues.

Through Care to Learn it has been possible for her to train at Enta on Business Admin/IT. She is hoping to gain employment in teaching or as a support worker.

For much of the time, she has not found it easy to be on time or to attend on a regular basis. There can be emotional outbursts, so she is supported by our in-house counsellor, Sue.

The journey has been rocky, but she has recently said that she has got more out of E2E than all her years at school (14 awards and certificates)

In terms of her positive progression, it has been a great achievement for her, and for us!

### Trainee Story 2

Trainee 2 joined Enta having not taken any exams at school. He had been expected to do well at school, but “got into trouble with bad company and drugs”. (His words)

He lived with his mother and grandmother. They told us they “had lost him and could not understand what had happened”.

Having started Enta’s E2E programme, it became clear that he was “a bit of a star” with excellent timekeeping/attendance, he was polite and co-operative, and became something of a role model to other learners.

Following assessments of his basic skills, he began to take part in “development” sessions in our basic skills unit. At the same time, he was encouraged to apply for a College place or to consider his future. He did not want to go to College, but was very keen to start a Modern Apprenticeship with Carillion (Building training). His tutors’ helped him fill in the application forms.

All he needed was Level 2 in Literacy and Numeracy. This he achieved in September ’08, but was too late for the September intake. He stayed with us until the November intake.

During Enta’s September Presentation event, he received his Level 2 awards and a certificate for timekeeping and attendance. He was also given a special award for his all round positive progress.

His mother and grandmother were there to see a proud son/grandson receive his awards. There were some tears for a “son who had been lost but found”.

Trainee 2 left us to begin his apprenticeship with Carillion Construction in early November ’08.

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