

Christopher's Dream Comes True - Turnstile and Exercise

Christopher Roberts has been attending college for a number of years; he is a quiet guy who mainly kept himself to himself.

Chris with support from college developed his life skills and became more confident. Chris left his home extremely early in the morning and walked to and from college which did worry some people at times as he lives around 4 miles away.

Chris was offered some work placements from college and decided to look at working in Halton CCG as an admin support officer and Stadium Fitness as a receptionist.



Chris has a love of rugby league and his favourite team is Widnes Vikings.

Chris met up with Kevin Glover from the Community Bridge Building Team to look at his future developments for any career and social opportunities.

Chris identified that his dream was to work within the Widnes Vikings and he enjoyed the gym work at Stadium Fitness. He could see his favourite players and coaches' every day and meet new people all the time - which he loved.

Kevin found Chris a voluntary opportunity as a turnstile operative within the Widnes Vikings on home match days. Chris was very excited and was given all the appropriate training and support on match days by Kevin.

Chris has now been working as a turnstile operative within the Widnes Vikings and is now training some of the new starters; he is looking at getting paid for this role next year.

Chris is leaving college in June and has thought about what he would like to do in the future. He decided that the role within Halton CCG was not fulfilling his dreams like the role at the gym and the turnstile work that he loves and wants to do this more regularly.

Kevin met up with Nicola from the gym and it was agreed that Chris could work as a gym receptionist Monday–Friday 10am-3pm and he could use the gym free of charge which would be beneficial as he is losing weight at present.

It was also agreed that he could be paid permitted earnings for 5 hours of this work and the rest would be voluntary.

Chris is extremely happy with this and feels like it's a dream come true.