

Matty's story

I started a Project Search supported internship in September 2017 after doing Entry 1, Entry 2 and Entry 3 Employability and Lifeskills courses at college. I was ready to move on from college and to start looking for work. My tutor suggested that I should think about applying for a place on Project Search, as this could help me to get a job in the future. I was offered a place on Project Search, but I was worried about starting it.

At first, I found it difficult and it wasn't really what I was expecting. I wasn't sure if I should stay on the course. Then I started my placement with the maintenance technicians at a local college and I really started to enjoy it! I have been helping the maintenance technicians with lots of different jobs around college and this has helped me to learn more about the job. I have had my own responsibilities, including completing the confidential waste collections, delivering parcels and post around college and recycling college waste.

I have come on a lot since starting Project Search. I have been applying for maintenance jobs and I have had some interviews. I am now living independently and I am looking forward to getting a job soon! I would recommend Project Search to other people. I don't think I would have been this close to getting a job if I hadn't come onto Project Search. My advice would be to stick at it, you'll be glad you have done it in the end.

Update: October 2018, Matty now has a full-time job as a facilities assistant at the college.