



Job search tips from apprentice Paige

Lorna: "How did you get your apprenticeship?"

Paige: "Erm, I applied through the AV website."

Lorna: "Ok. What's the AV website?"

Paige: "Apprenticeship vacancy."

Lorna: "Oh right, ok."

Paige: "So there's loads of different stuff you can choose from."

Lorna: "Yeah."

Paige: "And, you just make an application online, put a bit about yourself and apply for jobs through there."

Lorna: "Right, ok."

Paige: "So it's pretty simple."

Lorna: "Right, ok. Brilliant. What was the application process like, erm, that you went through to get this job?"

Paige: "Erm, well I applied for it through the apprenticeship vacancy website, erm, and then the textile centre contacted me and I did a pre-app course. It's like a course that this centre runs, erm, and it's for people who are applying or looking for apprenticeships. And you do a three-day course and then they put you out in the work placement, so..."

Lorna: "Right, ok"

Paige: "I had an interview from here and then I did work placement."

Lorna: "Brilliant."

Paige: "(...) six weeks, so..."

Lorna: "How many vacancies did you apply for?"

Paige: "I did apply for about 12 vacancies. Erm, it did take me a long time to get one as well though but you've just got to carry on and not give up. I mean..."

Lorna: "So, it did take quite a while then?"

Paige: "Yeah, almost two years, so..."

Lorna: "Wow, ok."

Paige: "Yeah. But something will pop up in the end."

Lorna: "Yeah. You've just got to be motivated?"

Paige: "Yeah, definitely."

Lorna: "So, Paige, what erm, advice do you have about going for interviews?"

Paige: "Erm, just to keep calm really and, personally I got really nervous. You've just got to think it's not the end of the world, erm, and employers really do understand what you're going through. And everyone's got to go through it at some point in their life so you've just got to really relax and stay calm and just really focus."

Lorna: "Ok yeah. What about prep, erm, prepping for your interview, what type of things did you use?"

Paige: "I wrote down a few questions I could ask the employer. I think that really helps as well, erm, and you've just got to really think about what you're saying."

Lorna: "Yeah."

Paige: "You've got to think about your hobbies. Cos that's one thing that I, I struggled with when people say "oh, what are your hobbies?"

Lorna: "Yeah."

Paige: "You can never say them off the top of your head so if you write them down and really think about them, then it does really help and it, it helps with the nerves as well."

Lorna: "Yeah, and relaxes you?"

Paige: "Yeah."