



Nathan Gwyn

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Community Legacy Project purchases and renovates properties that are empty or in disrepair across Wales, reducing the effects of anti-social behaviour, crime and vandalism and the detrimental impact this has on our local communities.

In doing so, the project provides skill-development opportunities for a range of individuals from different backgrounds.

Through supporting the property renovation activities, these individuals develop a range of employability, construction and enterprise skills, achieve accredited qualifications, experience voluntary work placements and move closer towards accessing sustainable employment or self-employment.

BACKGROUND

After leaving school at 16 Nathan participated in a Work Based Learning Traineeship programme, culminating in the achievement of the City & Guilds Level 1 in Basic Construction Skills. At the end of the traineeship Nathan hoped to secure an Apprenticeship however was informed there wasn't enough work.

Nathan then attended Merthyr College for two years where he achieved a Level 2 Carpentry in May 2018. In order to progress to Level 3, Nathan again needed to secure an Apprenticeship. He approached numerous construction companies and trades people however was constantly informed that he needed to hold the CSCS Card and have employment experience.

Disappointed, Nathan joined the Inspire2Work programme in Merthyr Tydfil where he attended numerous courses in order to try and build upon his experience. However, nothing was aligned to his future ambitions of working in the construction industry.

JOURNEY



When Nathan became aware of the Community Legacy Project he attended with his Inspire2Work Support Worker as he was extremely nervous.

However, after meeting the project staff and the other participants he quickly became more comfortable and settled into the project well.

Nathan threw himself into the project and enjoyed learning a range of new skills, including plastering, painting, tiling, kitchen fitting and block-work, whilst also being able to demonstrate his excellent carpentry skills.

Nathan demonstrated his newly-found confidence by appearing on an ITV Wales News feature regarding the project during November 2018

Nathan said...

“I enjoyed learning new skills and the company of others. I’m not the type to naturally socialise and engage with others, therefore this project has been really helpful in making me more confident.”

NEXT STEPS

Nathan feels far more confident in taking the next steps into employment, with over two months of construction experience whilst he has also achieved his CSCS Card.

Nathan will build on this experience and confidence by pursuing a Carpentry Apprenticeship.

