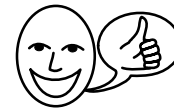


EmployAbility Update

September 2007



EmployAbility, Surrey County Council's own service which supports adults with learning disabilities into employment, has just had a great first quarter, with more people than ever before finding paid jobs.



These have ranged from working in care homes and cafes to sales jobs and a whole lot more. Some of our success stories follow. Our thanks and congratulations go to everyone shown in this newsletter – we couldn't have done it without you!

MARK

Mark has recently joined the staff at McDonalds, where he is fast getting into the routine as a customer services assistant. He tells us he enjoys everything about the job, especially the free meal at the end of his shift



CHARLOTTE

We work with schools to give the students the chance to find out about going to work. Here, Charlotte's getting the play area ready for the children who attend Little Stars Nursery.

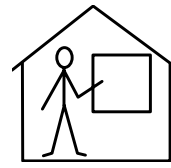


EMMA

Emma works for a cleaning contractors and is based at a school in Weybridge where she has to keep reception, the library and music department classrooms clean and tidy.



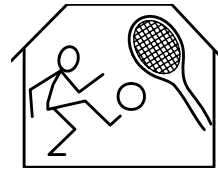
At the moment she works 10 hours when school closes but is hoping to build up her hours by taking on another job in the morning. This is Emma's first job and she's loving it.



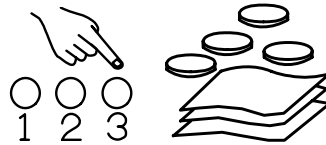
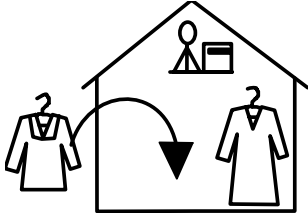
LIAM

Liam works for the Imber Metropolitan Police Sports Club where he spends most of his 16 hours a week in the garden helping to keep the borders, pots and baskets looking good as well as getting ready for functions and meetings indoors.

He has been selected to represent Great Britain at the Special Olympic World Summer Games in China (the only Surrey resident to make it) so it was especially important to him to find work quickly. His colleagues are helping him to raise the money so that he can go.



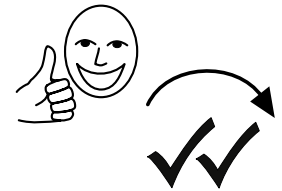
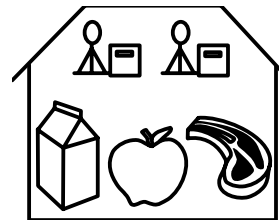
MICHAEL



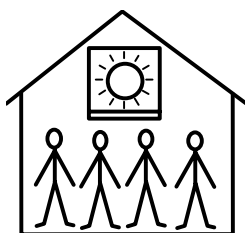
Help the Aged's shop staff were grateful to Michael for his help in counting up the takings and getting the money ready for the bank when he did his work experience with them.



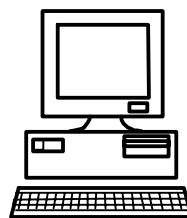
ADIL



Adil already had a part time cleaning job but needed to earn more money. He registered with EmployAbility and applied for a number of jobs in shops and supermarkets. He took his CV into Iceland and, after a short trial period, showed that he could do the job. He's settling in well and enjoying learning new skills.



SEAN



Sean did his work experience at one of the local day centres where he enjoyed working on the computer.



STEPHEN

After working in the family business since leaving school, Stephen had never had an interview until he came to EmployAbility. After applying for several jobs, he was offered a domestic assistant position at The Orpheus Centre. Because the residents there have disabilities, he had to wait for his police check to come through.



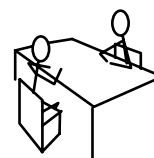
He was getting a bit impatient but, now that all the paperwork has been done, he is beginning to settle in and enjoys being part of a friendly team.



The Orpheus Centre



These are just a few of the people EmployAbility has supported recently. Our service is free to both clients and employers.



We help our clients to look for jobs, apply for them, attend interviews and, once the client has been offered a position, learn the skills needed to succeed.



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