

Success Story

Samantha Campbell



My name is Samantha, I am 28 years old and I live with my partner Colin and our two children, David and Bonnie. After having my children, I started to think about returning to work and I made an appointment to see Marjorie, one of the Opportunities Advisor's at the Carrick Opportunities Centre who prepared my CV, assisted me with interview techniques and who was able to help me to identify my training needs and my aspirations. I have always been very shy and have lacked confidence in my abilities and with support and encouragement I signed up for a series of courses organised by the Communities Learning & Development team at the Carrick Opportunities Centre. The first course I attended was 'Let's Get Started', a course designed to help people to increase their confidence and to set small targets for the future. The course tutor was fantastic and I felt very comfortable and was put at ease very quickly. My confidence increased, I met new people and after setting some goals I felt that I could start looking for work with renewed confidence. I also signed up for 'Mum's Rock', 'Preparation for College' and a 'Trustcare Care Course' which gave me added qualifications to develop a career within the Care sector. The Trustcare course was one of the best courses I had attended. Not only did it give me a much greater insight into the Care profession in a friendly and welcoming environment, it also increased my knowledge and understanding of the type of work I wanted to do. Since completing my courses I have worked as a Family Support Worker with Children 1st and after deciding to change career completely, I now have a full-time, permanent contract as a Housekeeper with Trump Turnberry which I absolutely love. Although I met a lot of lovely new people and formed new friendships whilst attending the Carrick Opportunities Centre, my confidence has continued to grow and I am mixing a lot more with the mums at school and really enjoy a chat. Also after 13 years together and being more financially secure, my partner and I will be getting married in August!!

'I was so shy I didn't like speaking to people but with all the support and encouragement I have had, I feel proud of my increased confidence and I am now happy to put myself forward for opportunities which I would never have done in the past'

Samantha Campbell, Girvan Learner.

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