Success Story
Matthew Niblock

My name is Matthew Niblock and I live in Girvan. I have one daughter. At the end of last year, my advisor at the Jobcentre told me about courses available at the Carrick Opportunities Centre through Community Learning and Development. In the past I have put my name down for courses but have not completed them. Now that my daughter is at secondary school I have more time for myself.

Earlier this year I attended Let's Get Started in Maybole with Community Learning and Development which I found very helpful. It also gave me the push I needed to continue with my learning. Since then I have completed a 2 day Customer Care course, First Aid, Stress-busting and PC Passport where I achieved 100% in my last assessment. I have also applied to volunteer at the Carrick Centre in Maybole. Taking part in all of these programmes has really boosted my confidence which was previously very low as I was sitting at home doing nothing.

I have now secured a place on the NC Computing course at Ayrshire College, starting in August, which will hopefully lead on to employment. As a result of completing all of these courses I am now more willing to try new things as everyone has been so encouraging and I am able to look forward to the future with my family.

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