

# TEES VALLEY ROUTES TO WORK

**If you're over the age of 30 and your personal circumstances make it difficult for you to find a job, Routes to Work can provide a range of support depending on your individual needs.**

Marty was referred to Routes to Work during a period of unemployment. He had previous experience as a butcher but was struggling to find any job opportunities in that area of work. After discussing different options with his Key Worker and completing a Career Plan, Marty was set on a change of career to an Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG) Advisor.

At the initial meeting with his Key Worker, Marty's barriers were identified as his lack of relevant qualifications and work experience in the sector. With the 1-2-1 support and guidance from his Key Worker, Marty enrolled and completed a L2 IAG qualification and is planning to start his L3 IAG in the near future.

To gain work experience Marty started volunteering in the Routes to Work Job Club which allowed him to practice his IAG by supporting other customers to create a CV whilst being mentored by his Key Worker.

A paid work experience placement was developed with Wheels 2 Work. Marty was one of three who was selected for the interview process. He received support and advice from his Key Worker. Following this Marty was successful and has now started his 12 week placement, he is still receiving in-work support.

Marty sees this as a valuable opportunity to gain up-to-date work experience and is also enjoying riding round on his new electric bike!

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