

Angela Beswick's Story

Angela has had lots of volunteer jobs over the years but in early 2004 she started looking for paid work. She wanted the freedom having more money could give her. Leicestershire's job agency for people with learning disabilities, Breaking the Barriers (BtB), helped Angela find a job.

In April 2004, after seeing a cleaning job advertised through the Jobcentre for 4 hours per week, Angela went to an interview with the chemical research company COIM. By May she was working there, cleaning in labs and offices.

Angela had coaching before she began working so she knew what would be expected of her. Breaking the Barriers also helped her learn her route to work, so she felt confident travelling on her own.

Angela worked at COIM for two years until the company moved to Germany in April 2006. Angela left with a glowing reference that helped her get a new job. By May 2006, she was working as a cleaner for Charnwood Recycling Project, where she remains to this day.

Angela is hard working, reliable and always on time. She has a very positive outlook on life. She is friendly and easy to talk to, treating everyone with equal respect. She is well liked and has proven herself to be an asset in every place she has worked.