

Chris's Story

Chris is a young person who was keen to move into employment. He knew that he needed support to do so and asked Kathy May from Morrison Trust to help him. Morrison Trust is a charity that delivers projects to support people to gain employment.

Who Was Involved

Chris wanted to be a security camera operator and thought that he had the right skills and qualities to do the job. Chris did not have the experience or exam results he needed to achieve his dream but with support from a range of organisations he was able to do so.

Darlington council's security camera managers Graham Putt and Peter Bowerbank arranged for Chris to visit the security camera surveillance room. They then offered him some work experience, this included getting to know the work place and in-house training. Staff thought he had the potential to be a security camera operator and Chris really enjoyed the work. He wanted to work for a security camera qualification and licence that would enable him to work as an operator.

What Happened Next

Chris began a four day training course delivered by Datacom Interactive. The course was funded by the Morrison Trust and Darlington Council's Self-Development Grant. He achieved a security camera operatives Level 2 qualification.

After he had completed the course Kathy May from Morrison Trust found Chris some more work experience with St James Security at Teesside Park. St James Security were so impressed with Chris that as soon as an opportunity came up they offered him a paid job.

Chris is now working as a part time security camera operator based at Teesside Park.