

Appendix 4 Adult Skills Case Studies

Learner A's academic journey started with a Keighley College adult and community English course for parents at her children's school, St Mary's Primary. Before then she had little confidence in her abilities, but all that changed.

"The English course was amazing. It allowed me to meet new people and gain so much confidence. The programme also opened up fantastic opportunities I could explore."

Learner A enrolled on the Foundation Degree in Supporting Teaching and Learning, she was very nervous about this and doubted her abilities but still volunteered as a teaching assistant in ESOL classes for two years. She has now completed her degree and gained employment as a teaching assistant.

Learner B was new to the area, felt low and lacked confidence. Enrolled onto the Reading Friends course through Kirklees Adult Learning. **"I loved the Reading Friends course as I met new people and took on board new ideas and skills"**

She became a volunteer and enjoyed supporting children with their reading in her local school.

"Thanks to the confidence that the adult learning courses gave me and the advice from careers, I felt prepared as a volunteer, and it gave me a new confidence and purpose. I am over the moon that I have now secured a Teaching Assistant job as I couldn't have done this without the courses and the opportunity to volunteer"