



Supported Employment - Davids's story



Difficult words are written in bold. There is a list of what the words mean at the end.

What is Supported Employment?



Supported Employment supports and helps people to find or stay in work.



Supported employment helped David to get a job.



This is David's story of supported employment and how he is supported by Solihull Council.



Tell us about your job



I have 3 jobs!

Café at Park View



I work in a café 1 day a week.



The café is at Park View, one of the council's day opportunities buildings.



I clear tables.



I serve food.



I wash up.



My favourite part is
cooking the food.



I have just finished a food hygiene course at Solihull college. The course means I can work in the kitchen at a school soon.

What helped you to get the job?



Better Pathways helped me to try new things.



They helped me learn what it was like to have a job.



The council's Specialist Employment Service helped to apply for my job at Park View.



They also helped me to settle in.

Newlands Bishop Farm



Some weekends I work at Newlands Bishop Farm. I am an Events Assistant.



I help with weddings. I like the weddings.



I like seeing my friends.



I also work in the café.

What helped you to get the job?



I did the work scheme at the farm. This helped me to understand how to do things at work.

Collating clothing bags



I also volunteer collecting bags of clothes from people's houses.



I take them to the warehouse to get sorted.

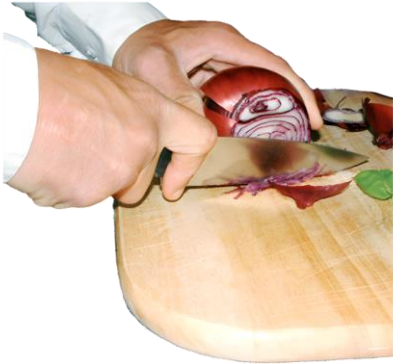
How I feel about my jobs



I like all my jobs. They make me happy.



Working makes me happy.



I am looking forward to my new job in the school.

What does your family think about you having a job?



My family are very happy that I have a job.



They let me be more independent and it makes them feel good.

My studies



I attended:

- Smiths Wood High School



- Bourneville College to study mechanics