

Case Study

Patrycja Malec

Family Groups

Skills for Jobs provides a range of pre-employment support to the unemployed including training and support in areas such as CV writing, interview skills and confidence building

Project: Skills for Jobs

Business Sector: Childcare/Community Work

Location: Bedford

Job Outcome: Trainee Dental Nurse



Patrycja came to the UK from Poland because she had found it impossible to find work in her home country. She settled in Bedford with her partner where they both found employment at Woolworths.

After finding sustainable employment she was then able to make arrangement for her 7 year old son to join her from Poland.

Unfortunately Woolworths closed its doors during the recession and after 2 years of employment Patrycja was without work once again.

Despite her best efforts she couldn't secure a job and therefore decided to retrain for something new. This period of financial hardship put pressure on her emotional state and her relationship. She was out of work and struggling with finances as she was not able to apply for benefits in the UK.

Patrycja saw an advert in the local paper for a TCHC Skills for Jobs training course funded by the European Social Fund and run by Family Groups. She attended the 10 week Childcare course and gained a level one accreditation. After the course, with time on her hands, she offered to volunteer in the Family Groups office doing administration duties and assisting them with Polish translations.

In May 2010 she began working in a voluntary placement at a local dentist's surgery and in June they offered her a full time position as a trainee Dental Nurse.

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