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We are pleased to update you on our Work in Progress programme. To date:

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## Leslie's achievement



Leslie proudly showing his certificates

Back in 2016 Leslie gained a level 1 qualification in Warehousing and Storage and this whet his appetite for this type of work.

Leslie has limited work experience but gained valuable knowledge during a short term placement for Community Furniture in 2017 in a warehouse assistant role.

Leslie was referred to our programme in November 2018. During his initial appointment with his Adviser Leslie identified that his preferred type of work would be warehousing, but would need assistance with careers advice, confidence building, understanding workplace behaviours, travel training, tailored job search, jobs skills training and a work placement.

At Leslie's second meeting with his Adviser, he was very keen to say that he wanted to attend a level 2 Warehousing and Storage course. Not wanting to waste any time, Adviser Brian Hunt began making enquiries.

In mid-January 2019 Leslie got his wish and embarked on a 4-day course. Through his hard work Leslie achieved a level 2 Warehousing and Storage qualification in addition to Operator Training Certificate – Mobile Elevating Work Platform - Mobile Vertical and Mobile Boom.

Leslie understands that securing a work placement in this type of role may be difficult; however since his accomplishment, Leslie has been enthusiastically undertaking tailored job search and has received assistance with job applications that are in line with his new qualifications.

Well done Leslie what a great achievement and a fantastic addition to your CV!

# Meet the Team!



Hi, I'm Elaine, Azure's Employment Programmes Manager.

I've worked for Azure for just over 20 years now and in that time have been afforded the opportunity to work alongside some wonderful clients and colleagues.

In my job there is no such thing as 'just another day at the office' and my team works hard to deliver all of our programmes in line with Azure's mission of 'improving the lives of people with disability or disadvantage'.

Away from work I am currently renovating my home BUT I still remember to take time out to socialise with my friends and family!



Hi, I'm Brian.

I have worked for Azure for the last 4 years.

I work on the programme 'Work in Progress' helping and supporting people with Learning Difficulties, Learning Disabilities and Autism on their journey towards employment. My job involves travelling around the Northumberland, North Tyneside and Newcastle areas supporting the clients in their own job centre. This enables the clients to feel comfortable and fully engage in the programme.

In my spare time I enjoy playing some of my favourite rock and metal songs on Guitar. I also try and keep fit by attending a local gym.



Hi, my name is Tony. I have supported people in various aspects ranging from college settings to one to one support for the last twenty five years.

I am now working in Employment Services where I am passionate about supporting clients both by finding them work and into work.

I am a Newcastle United fan and season ticket holder, this has its ups and downs as I know you can imagine.

I have three grandchildren who I enjoy spending time with and a partner Julie, we love to holiday abroad and live life to the full.



I'm Tracey, the department's Administrator and Quality Co-ordinator. I've worked for Azure for almost 20 years and feel privileged to be part of it.

I am proud to work for an organisation that supports so many people who are disabled or disadvantaged and share this passion with some wonderfully dedicated and enthusiastic colleagues.

It's exciting to be involved with this new programme, be active in its development and to receive such positive feedback.

In my spare time I like to craft and enjoy reaping the rewards from our family allotment. Anyone who knows me will also vouch for my love of Zumba too!

## Feedback

We welcome feedback. If you'd like to share any comments about this provision, please email: [tracey.summerbell@azure-charitable.co.uk](mailto:tracey.summerbell@azure-charitable.co.uk)

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