



Hannan Miah
Aged 40
Castleton

Hannan came to Employment Links after being unemployed for 7 months. He met with his adviser Pat Ashtonhurst at one of the outreach centres.

Hannan wanted to work with Children/Young People which meant he would have to re-train. He didn't have any relevant experience in this field, as he had previously worked as a Manager in the Retail sector and wanted a complete change. He was stressed out and left this job without a job to go to.

Hannan's adviser Pat suggested the only way to achieve his goal would be to do voluntary work in that area to gain the relevant experience.

"I wanted to change my career completely and didn't know how. I left my job with no real idea of where I was going and how to 'get the ball rolling'. By chance I saw ELP as I was driving past. After a lengthy initial meeting with my adviser, Pat Ashtonhurst who talked through the various options, I was lucky enough to be offered a placement at Spungen. The staff were very supportive when I applied for the 2 jobs with Rochdale Council. Finally, I have a new career – I thought I'd left it too late to do what I really wanted. A big thank you!!"



Hannan took this advice and he was referred to Council for Volunteer Services (CVS), who sorted him out with a voluntary placement at Spungen – a Christian Children's Charity. Spungen put Hannan on a 6 week 2 hour course to be an Advocate as well as offering him a few hours a week in their centre.

Hannan applied to be a Casual Contact Worker with RMBC Childcare Service followed very quickly by a second job as a Casual Residential Officer with RMBC. He gained almost full time employment working across both jobs.