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Being homeless was the worst point in my life. I didn't think there was a way out, but The Prince's Trust changed all that and now I'm doing my dream job.

I was diagnosed with dyslexia when I was 15 and I left school soon after that. I became homeless when I was 18. I spent my days hanging out on the street, doing nothing. I didn't think there was a way out. I didn't know what the future held, or if I even had one. I thought I'd be a 40 year-old druggie, out on the street, possibly selling my body. I didn't mean anything to anyone.

Then I joined the Team programme. It's one of the best things I've ever done. It's one of the things I'm most proud of.

After Team I got part-time work but I became homeless again. This time I knew who to turn to. I went to The Trust for help and got a progression mentor and a Development Award to buy clothes to wear to job interviews. Before The Trust I didn't have the money or the confidence to buy smart clothes – I didn't even think I'd ever get an interview, let alone a job; but I did. I got a two-year apprenticeship at a construction firm.

I love my job and I just feel like I'm in my element now. I'm so happy.



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