

Learner Case Study

Management, Leadership, Innovation & Enterprise

Phil's Story

Phil joined the University of Leeds Amaze Yourself enterprise training course in March 2007; at that time he had not been working for over 3 years due to ill health. Determined to become independent from incapacity benefits and work in an area which mattered to him, Phil sought to acquire the skills and knowledge to set up his own business and develop his future on his terms.

Setting up his consultancy 'negotiation-for-nice-guys' after a prolonged period away from employment was a great achievement.

Not content with achieving his initial goals, he set up Amaze Networks, a peer-mentoring website which supports others with ill health to find self-employment, employment or study. In January 2008, Phil began a PgCert Regeneration Project Management course at the University of Bradford, offering him a route to becoming a trained professional.

Phil's journey and his dedication to learning and work is an inspiration to all. In just 13 months he has achieved the goals he set for himself and has gone on to use his energies to support the philosophy he values.

In June 2008, Phil won the West Yorkshire Adult Work-Based Learner Award for the Management, Leadership, Innovation and Enterprise Sector, organised by the West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network.