

## **Learner Case Study**

### **Construction and the Built Environment**

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#### **Paul's Story**

Paul first started to study at Leeds College of Technology 9 years ago. He left school with few academic qualifications to become an Apprentice Electrician. During his apprenticeship he studied C&G 236 Pt1 and 2 and then a C&G "C" certificate. Paul was encouraged by his tutors to continue his studies and was successful in gaining a BTEC National.

Paul is currently studying an HNC in Building Services and will complete this course in July this year. It is anticipated that he will gain more distinction grades than any other member of the same cohort group.

Paul has also used his academic qualifications to progress further in his career to obtain a professional position as an Electrical Contracts Manager currently overseeing approx 7 live contracts worth approx £7.5 million.

He completed a work-based project unit last year, which covered the much debated subject of the feasibility of the installation of voltage reduction and power analysis equipment and its benefits. His company (Airedale Mechanical and Electrical Ltd) has now implemented his project and it has been successfully integrated into their procedures and operations.

Paul is a conscientious, reliable and hard working student and an inspiration to other students who are completing the National Certificate. His ambition is to complete a BEng. and MSc and become a Chartered Engineer.

In June 2008, Paul won the West Yorkshire Adult Work-Based Learner Awards organised by the West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network.