



Case Studies in Achievement



Paul's story - 'The tools to build a life'

Paul's journey with Providence Row began all the way back in April 2024, meeting Rob, a progression coach from our employability team. Paul had first become homeless at only 8 years old, and had experienced an often turbulent and unpredictable life.

"They helped me even when I didn't think I wanted help ...things like paying for my bus fares when I had nothing...I couldn't have done any of this without them"

Using our services, Rob guided Paul through the process of gaining his CSCS card to qualify him to work on construction sites. Providence Row paid for Paul's bus fares and transport to facilitate this, ensuring his pathway to employment was as smooth as possible.

"Because of Providence Row's interest in my life I had a place to study, a place to eat, a place to rest when I needed to"

Our community came in to support Paul too. MACE, one of our corporate supporters, sourced and donated a set of tools so Paul was ready with the best equipment possible to start his journey into work.

"the first day on a building site I remember looking around, I thought "this aint easy"...but getting out my own tools and seeing people watch me work, I felt so good, that really gave me drive..."

Paul qualified to work as as a bricklayer, putting himself into the workforce and gaining steady income. Across the space of a year he has grown and progressed so immensely that he now finds himself in Jamaica, with his own plot of land, using his skills to build himself a new home.

"Few people show common love today, at Providence Row there are actions to prove it was there. The place felt like a room full of smiles...the effort they put in gave me direction. **These tools and skills will come with me everywhere I go"**

-Paul, now a qualified bricklayer and homeowner





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Kevin's story - 'Never stop growing'



Kevin proves it is never too late to learn skills that change your life. At 57 years old, Kevin is one of the many people who came to Providence Row to have their potential unlocked. Kevin worked with our Employability and Progression team to find him a pathway to more skills and a life of independence.

Through 10 weeks of regular work with our garden training coordinator, Ellie, and with Rob in our Employability and Progression team, Kevin unlocked knowledge and skills which not only got him certified horticulture qualification but allowed him to fuel his own passion and interests too

"All the learning has been an education for me and extended my knowledge...It gives me the path now to go from the beginning point and use my skills."

"Being able to be around nature is absolutely important, it keeps me in balance. There's science to prove it and for me I know how much it's helped me be a calm and controlled person"

Homelessness, housing insecurity and mental health challenges take their toll on anyone, and for Kevin it was no different. Luckily, this course allowed him to spend time in the calm and green oasis of our rooftop Garden at Providence Row, reflecting and learning in a safe space.



The balance and stability that Kevin found with Providence Row was what he needed - completing his course and receiving his certification to the applause of Providence Row staff and volunteers at our graduation ceremony. His employment prospects have widened, his skillset grown and his confidence in himself is greater than ever before.

"This course through Providence Row and my time around the people here has been eye opening, it's opened up a doorway for me and these are skills that I'll keep forever."

-Kevin, now a qualified horticulturalist and gardener

