

## CASE STUDY: Building Futures

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### BACKGROUND

Before I did the Building Futures course, I was unemployed for five years due to health problems. I'd had to have operations on both my hands because of carpal tunnel syndrome, and I'd also broken my leg very badly after a fall. Before that, I'd been a window cleaner and had worked in a bed factory where I went from being in the lowest position to running a machine and managing a team of lads.

I found out about the Building Futures course from the Jobcentre. It's a two week course where you learn about working in the construction industry including things like tiling, plumbing, joinery and asbestos awareness. They also put you through your Construction Skills Certificate Scheme. I loved it – the tutors were brilliant and didn't want it to end. To anyone thinking about taking the course, I'd just tell them to go for it.



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### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

I'm now looking for work. I had a six-week placement with the Wates Group after the course and I hope that might lead to a permanent job. I feel like taking the course has given me the edge when it comes to job hunting.

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