

CCG Case Study – March 2021

Newport Youth Academy – Young person progresses into employment

AS was supported by staff in the Neighbourhood Hub who are funded through the CCG, including by an Employment Mentor, Family Intervention Worker, Youth Training staff, Employment Placement Officer, Childcare & Play staff.

AS grew up in Newport. He was a regular attendee at the Hope Centre and accessed multiple projects run by Communities First as he was growing up. AS was a shy child who struggled in social groups as well as academically.

AS had finished school and was doing casual work at a local hotel. He was not enjoying his employment and wanted to further his skills and knowledge to improve his options for the future. In October 2018 AS joined the Newport Youth Academy (funded through Legacy) Traineeship programme to do Level 1 Sports.

From the outset AS showed a very mature attitude to his learning and development. The Traineeship programme allowed AS to gain more knowledge of working with young people, practical experience in various settings, and accredited qualifications, including:

- FAW Level 1 Football Leaders
- Level 2 Safeguarding & Protecting Children
- Level 3 First Aid
- Level 2 food Hygiene
- Level 2 Sports Leaders Award
- AON, Communication & Employability Essential Skills Qualification

During his time with NYA, AS was very keen to gain as much experience as possible and through our partnerships with local schools, community groups, Newport Live and Street Games, AS was supported to run sessions in schools and communities across the city. He was invited to visit Parliament through his work with the BeActive Volunteer programme, and was also nominated for Volunteer of the Year with Street Games.

Throughout his time with the NYA, AS made fantastic progress and grew into a confident young man. His hard work paid off and in March 2020 he progressed into employment with Newport City Council, providing childcare and play support for Key Worker children during the Coronavirus pandemic. He also worked alongside this as a P/T Sales Assistant with a sports retailer.