

David Bourne - My Jet Story



After 40 years in the ceramic industry as a Quality Control Laboratory Technician, I was made redundant at the end of January 2009. I attended the local Jobs Fair at the Quality Hotel, to find out what training or vacancies were available. I approached the Connexions stand to register and they gave me a referral to the Jet.

At the Jet induction I completed a short basic skills assessment, the whole session lasted about 1½ hours. My next meeting was with my Jet advisor for a jobs and skills action plan to identify my training needs and job goals. The advisor suggested that because of my administration and computer skills I may suit an office/admin type position.

My next appointment with Jet involved meeting the Liaison Officer to discuss the variety of options I had, these included training courses, CV writing, confidence building, job search and perhaps some voluntary work. My CV did need to be updated and this was presented in a different way.

The next stage was being referred to Jet Business. The recruitment officer Angela telephoned me regarding a position for a Senior Administrator at a local office and wanted to know if I would be interested, because it was the closing date for all applications that day; Angela completed the application form and posted it.

A week later I received a phone call from the company inviting me for an interview, I told Angela of the appointment and she immediately arranged a meeting with myself the day before the interview to give me some preparation and to go through what was expected in the position, the type of questions that could be asked and some techniques on how to answer them. She identified my weaknesses and made them strengths. I am sure that as a result of her coaching I sold my skills in a more positive way. A couple of days later I was offered the position. I know that if it was not for Angela's excellent preparation advice that it would have been just another interview.

Thank you.