



## Knowsley Supported Employment

# E-NEWSLETTER

## Empower Job Carving film

**Media students from Liverpool John Moores University, Benjamin Cain and Emily Grannon, have produced a short film to showcase the innovative Empower Job Carving programme to support adults with a learning difficulty or disability into work.**

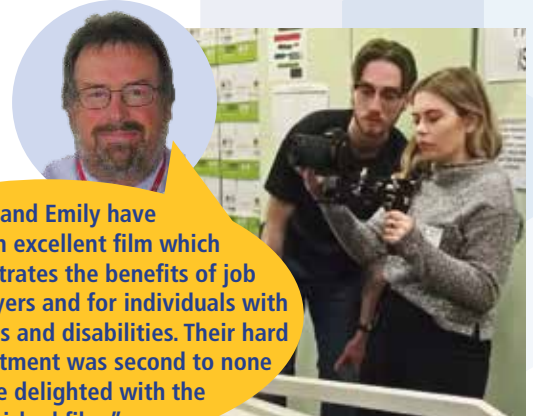
Ben and Emily filmed the participants on the programme, as well as the organisations supporting the programme, to showcase the positive benefits it is having on both the individuals and the organisations.

Job carving works by taking less skilled tasks from different jobs to create a role ideally suited for a person with a learning difficulty or disability.

The film, which can be viewed on Knowsley Council's YouTube site ([www.youtube.com/user/knowsleycouncil](http://www.youtube.com/user/knowsleycouncil)), aims to encourage more businesses to come on board to offer a supported employment opportunity through job carving.

Tim Hall, Head of Learning and Skills at Knowsley Council said:

**"Ben and Emily have produced an excellent film which clearly demonstrates the benefits of job carving for employers and for individuals with learning difficulties and disabilities. Their hard work and commitment was second to none and we are delighted with the finished film."**



## DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING

A free disability workshop was delivered to Knowsley Chamber members on 4 June to raise awareness of different learning difficulties and disabilities and how best to support a person within the workplace. Sue Temple-Fielding (Knowsley Council's Supported Employment Coordinator), Rebecca Berry (Disability Employer Engagement Advisor for Enable Knowsley) and Llyr Owen (Supported Employability Tutor for Knowsley Community College) delivered the interactive session to 35 attendees at The Village Hotel.

The workshop explored how our brains process information differently, specific learning difficulties, learning disabilities, Down's syndrome and Autism Spectrum Condition. The session then moved on to explore different techniques that employers can use to support a person within the workplace and also the support available for organisations that employ a person with a learning difficulty or disability.

Lesley Martin Wright, Chief Executive for Knowsley Chamber said:



**"Sue, Rebecca and Llyr put on a fascinating, interactive event. It was a real eye opener. It is amazing how everyday business terminology can be interpreted in different ways. The session showed how we can all make simple improvements to ensure the workplace is a less confusing environment for a person with a learning difficulty."**



## AN INTERVIEW WITH DARYL

Hello I am Daryl and I am 27 year's old. I work as a Ground's Maintenance Assistant at Eastcroft Park Primary School. My job started as a six week placement as part of the Empower Job Carving programme. My mentor is Jimmy and I help him to do different jobs around the school. This includes litter picking, weeding, watering the plants and cutting the grass.

The things I like best about my job are the staff are nice and friendly; I get on well and have a laugh with the office staff. Jimmy my mentor is always there to help me and I like being outside and keeping busy. When I was told that I had the job it was the best day of my life.

Joanne Lynskey, School Business Manager, said: **"Daryl has become a valued member of the team at Eastcroft Park Primary School. His enthusiasm for the job is a breath of fresh air and we really don't know what we would do without him here at Eastcroft."**

