

## **DurhamEnable and Hotel Indigo Support Alastair into Employment**

[Soundtrack: Ambient music plays throughout the video.]

[Video: We see Alastair and Mel talking to each other at a table.]

[Mel] My name's Mel Kearney and I'm a team leader at Durham Enable. Alastair was referred into the service, and he was allocated a job coach who then went through his vocational profile, learning his skills and strengths and his aspirations.

Alastair really wanted to work in a bar environment, and the hotel offered us an opportunity within their hotel bar, so again we did a job analysis at the hotel, really getting to know the role, what was required, and we found that Alastair was a really good match for that role.

[Video: we see Alastair cleaning a table with a blue cloth in one hand and a spray bottle in the other hand.]

[Alastair] My name is Alastair and I'm 20 years old. The support is incredible, and it's completely tailored to you, so it's not just like one plan that goes for all, it's like completely customised for you.

[Video: we see Alastair pouring a drink in a wine glass]

[Mel] I'm extremely proud of Alastair, obviously he's being offered a paid role at Hotel Indigo, which has not only supported him financially but also, it's increased his independence and his confidence. It's so wonderful to see that he's embraced the job opportunity and he's really thriving within that, so it's really lovely that he now understands that actually there are people out there like Hotel Indigo who will offer opportunities and alternative recruitment.

[Alastair] I'm very happy with what I've achieved. Before this I was probably with a lot of self-doubts and thinking I'd never get a job, so all of this has been really helpful for me.

[Mel] If you are a resident of County Durham and you have a health need or disability and you would like support, gain, and paid employment, absolutely contact Durham Enable. We are a service who offers the supported employment model to residents of Durham to support them finding and gaining sustainable employment.

[Video: Fade into to a white background with the DurhamEnable logo, Connect to Work logo, North East Combined Authority logo, Durham County Council logo, Base logos and Disability Confident logo.]