

Proud Parents

Gregor McLean

Gregor has been working at **Costa Coffee in Edinburgh Airport** since April 2008. His mother says:

“Gregor is someone who really enjoys being with people and coming to the Engine Shed helped him develop a feeling of independence and self confidence that he didn't have before. He definitely would not have got a paid job without the support and training at the Engine Shed – it gave him an eagerness to be in work and really was a turning point for him.

He is always very proud to say to people when he is asked what he does ‘I have a job working at the airport’. On average he works 4 morning shifts a week and catches the bus at five past seven no problem. Staff at Costa have been great; he went off to see a film the other week with three of his colleagues.”

Chris MacDonald

Chris has worked at three different **Starbucks cafés in Edinburgh** since November 2007. His mother says:

“The Engine Shed helped Chris to develop the skills to move from a more traditional day centre into paid work – one step at a time. Chris loves working, he is very sociable and the job suits him, he is very happy. He loves being responsible for dealing with his own money and pays his way if he is out with family and friends. He got a letter last year from Starbucks acknowledging his length of service and letting him know that a bonus would be paid into his account. I was relieved as I thought it might have been bad news about getting his hours cut because of the recession.”

Craig Andrews

Craig has worked for the **Sodexo Catering Company at St Andrews House** since November 2009. His father says:

“Craig thrived on the work routine at the Engine Shed and it helped him build up his confidence step by step. After a work experience placement he was quickly offered a paid job. A lot of credit is due to Kath who was a great support. She just knows how to support and encourage people. Being at the Engine Shed was certainly a blessing for Craig. Outside of work, Craig competes in the Special Olympics at football and has represented both Scotland and Great Britain in the past few years. He has a great social life!”