

KATIE'S STORY

with

The Papworth Trust

Learning for Life and Work has evolved from our progression service and focuses on increasing an individual's opportunity to learn so that they are able to expand their ambitions and realise their potential.

Papworth Trust has a number of centres based in, Basildon, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Ipswich and Papworth Everard, which deliver a range of opportunities, to help people learn to live independently including how to:

- shop
- cook
- use public transport
- look after money
- use a computer and the internet
- train towards work, including work experience, volunteering, and learning the skills to move into paid employment

We will also help people work towards qualifications.

Katie has been attending the Suffolk Centre for two years. "I was delighted when I passed 'Using a computer' on my National Open College Network course," says Katie. "I have also been studying numeracy and working on improving my independent living skills."

Katie, who now travels on her own by bus to the Centre, says, "Coming here has made such a big difference to me. I am so pleased with all my achievements and my Mum is over the moon with my progress."

Katie has been working on reception at the Centre, and hopes to get a job either as a receptionist or working with children when she finishes at the Centre. In readiness for this, she has done some work experience placements including Sure Start and the PDSA, who were so impressed with her work they presented her with an 'Outstanding work placement' award.

Katie is now job searching with Emma Rose from the Papworth Employment Service who says, "Katie is very enthusiastic about our fortnightly Job Club and participates fully. We are also working on a 1:1 basis to complete job application forms".