# **Career Development**

#### **Topaz Care and Support**

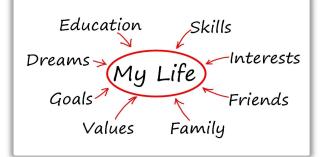


#### What is career development?

Career development is the process of choosing a career, improving your skills, and advancing along a career path. It's a lifelong process of learning and decisionmaking that brings you closer to your ideal job, skillset, and lifestyle

### It's all about you!

The aim of your career development sessions is to find out what you want your future life to be like. Your career development officer will work with you to help you decide if you want to get a job, go and study at college, do an apprenticeship or learn a new skill. Once you know what it is you want to do, next step is to work on a Career development plan. This plan will help you identify your goals and the steps you need to take to achieve your end result.







#### **Education**

Have you ever thought about going to College or University? Do have a particular subject you maybe interested in? Are you unsure of how to go about finding a course to study or what course may be good for you? Your Careers Development Officer will help you to find out what courses and level of study will best suit you and your personal goals and aspirations.



# Volunteering

Volunteering can be very rewarding. It is an excellent way to gain experience in the working world. You can volunteer in many different places, for example working for a charity, school or even a hospital. Your Careers development Officer will help you to find a voluntary position that can add a new dynamic to your life and help you develop your confidence to go out and achieve more.

#### Work

Would you like to start earning your own money and gain more independence? How about getting a job? Would like to work part-time or full-time? Are you not sure what type of work will suit you and your lifestyle? Your Careers Development Officer, will help you develop your CV, assist you with your job search and interview preparation.



## Training

Have you ever thought about learning a new skill? You can develop skills that are transferable, that can be used in all areas of your life. You can achieve this by attending a program of training where you will develop specific skills such as typing or book keeping. You can also learn and earn by doing an apprenticeship, where you will work, learn and train in a specific career for example becoming a Chef or a Brick Layer. Your Careers Development Officer can help you with this.

