



“Before the ‘Whatever!’ project I was not interested in getting a job and did not see why it was so important.

But I was really grateful for the opportunity to learn some new skills.

I worked very hard on the placement and have now been offered a full time job. I will be starting a college course to do an Apprenticeship in painting and decorating.

I would recommend this project to anyone.”

CHRIS, AGE 19

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Are you aged 16–24 ?

Do you want to gain practical skills and experience at work?

Do you wish it was easier to get a job?

Whatever!



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- **Are you aged 16 – 24 and not currently in employment, education or training?**
- **Are you on New Deal, Job Seekers Allowance, EMA or E2E?**
- **Are you looking to improve your employability?**
- **Are you looking to gain practical skills and experience in the workplace?**
- **Are you looking to try something different?**

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then the 'Whatever!' project is for you.

What is 'Whatever!'?

Westlea works with other partners and local companies to offer young people work experience placements.

You get the chance to gain 'hands-on' work experience alongside skilled staff and get support from someone at the company where you complete your placement. This means you get real experience of work that will, hopefully, lead to an apprenticeship, full time employment or help you back into education.

Who is the project for?

- Young people aged between 16 and 24 not in employment, education or training.
- You do not need any qualifications and will be assessed according to ability and your wish to be involved.

What do I get out of it?

- Three to four days a week work experience.
- A personal 'mentor' to give support.
- Information and advice to help you find employment.
- Access to training.
- A certificate of competence.
- A reference.

Westlea has places waiting for trainees:

We have opportunities in lots of different work environments including:

- Multi-trade building and maintenance
- IT and office administration
- Furniture recycling
- Unisex hairdressing
- Animal and pet care
- Community development projects
- ...and many more!

Places are limited so get in touch now (details below)... don't miss this exciting opportunity to gain work experience with some leading local companies.

**Want to find out more, or talk about what's involved?
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