

# Brendan's story

Brendan is 42 years old and lives with his mum and dad. He accessed some mainstream schooling and started learning with further education (ATTFE) about 6 years ago. Brendan has led a sheltered life and has issues with mobility, mild learning difficulties and struggles in social situations to lack of confidence. Brendan has a photographic memory and has on many occasions recited interesting facts about the royal family and popular television programmes. Brendan uses this skill to help him progress in his studies and support other members of the class.

Brendan's confidence has increased immensely, and he is stepping out of his comfort zone to try new courses and learn new skills. His communication and team working skills have increased and he is an active member of any course always giving 100 % and helping other learners. Brendan is now far more independent than he was 3 or 4 years ago and has learnt essential skills such as how to keep himself safe and access public transport.

Below are some of the qualifications that Brendan has achieved:

- AIM Awards Award In Personal Potential
- AIM Awards Certificate in Skills for Employment and Further Learning
- AIM Awards Certificate in Skills for Working in Horticulture industries
- AIM Awards Extended Certificate in Personal and Social Development Skills
- AIM Awards Certificate in Independent Living - Living in the Community
- AIM Awards Diploma in Independent Living

