

Making People Matter

Peter's Road to Recovery



Peter White, 32 from Thornaby first signed up to Stockton's Communities Fund in February 2010. Five Lamps run Communities Fund on behalf of Stockton Council to support people who are unemployed.

Peter was supported by CRI, one of Five Lamps' specialist subcontractors. In the past, Peter had been dependant on alcohol and class A drugs. He had also offended in the past and had a Criminal Record.

CRI supported Peter to attend rehabilitation and as part of this process he attended their Star Project. Peter was determined to turn his life around. He said **"Five Lamps first helped me when I started with CRI on the structured day care programme by helping with my travel costs to and from group sessions and courses."**

During his time at CRI, Peter attended and successfully completed the Parent Factor course and went on to successfully complete a Peer Mentoring course. Peter became very passionate that he wanted to give something back and felt the best way to do this was to help others in a similar position. He felt he could do this by using his personal experience and the skills he has learnt from the Peer Mentoring course.



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Peter worked hard to come off his drugs and alcohol dependency. He managed this with support from CRI and still regularly attends in order to continue to get the support he needs in maintaining his abstinence and continuing his road to recovery.

Five Lamps also helped support Peter in his recovery as he regularly attends a recovery group set up and ran by Jodie Hind, Five Lamps Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Worker. Peter describes Jodie as being very supportive.

Peter has been successful in gaining employment as a Work Experience Trainee as part of CRI's social enterprise programme and is due to start his new job on 1 August 2011. Five Lamps, through Communities Fund are continuing to support Peter by helping with funding for new work clothes, travel costs and funding to bridge the gap when he comes off benefit and gets his first wage.

Peter said **“I could not have done this without the support I have received from both Five Lamps and CRI. I now feel I have something to get up for in the morning and if anyone had asked me a year ago if I would be in this position I would have said no. I can't wait to start my new job and just want to thank everyone for the support I have been given.”**

Five Lamps supports organisations like CRI by referring customers who need specialist support.

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