



## Funding made easy with Women and Work

Funding opportunities may sound great, but often they can be a lot of work to access. Kelly Batchelor, a Tenancy Sustainment Officer from Shepway District Council, has found the Women and Work programme to be very different, with easy forms, substantial funding and minimum hassle.

Kelly took part in our Bursary programme, seeking funding for a BTEC in Anti-Social Behaviour which her organisation just couldn't afford. She contacted the Women and Work team for a chat and things flew from there - "I was expecting lots of forms and a complicated long drawn out process", Kelly says. "I was surprised how easy everything was, there was a simple small form to complete which you were able to email. Very quickly after I received a telephone call and after a brief conversation I was told there and then that I had been successful which was fantastic as I thought I would have had to wait".

After this, all Kelly had to do was go on the course. Apart from getting lost on the Underground, the training went well. Kelly told us, "It was great being back in the classroom again, I love learning and once you have left education you rarely have a chance to study further due to life and work commitments".

With the qualification offering increased security and confidence in a local Government job, Kelly has been a keen ambassador for the programme, leading to a colleague successfully applying for a bursary too. And Kelly herself is thrilled not just with her training, but with the experience of accessing the funding: "Everyone I communicated with either through writing, email and telephone was friendly and efficient and put my mind at ease at every stage".

If you want to talk to our friendly team about the opportunities we can offer you, please contact us on 0114 231 7392 or at [womenandwork@skillsforjustice.com](mailto:womenandwork@skillsforjustice.com).

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