



EAT PENNINES

Staff profile

Nathan Bardsley



Hi I'm Nathan Bardsley, aged 21 from Hattersley, Manchester

How long were you unemployed for before starting your traineeship with EAT Pennines?

I had never had a job before starting a horticulture traineeship in Heaton Park with EAT Pennines. I tried attending a horticulture course at Tameside College but found it confusing. I volunteered every Tuesday at Hattersley Market Garden to learn new skills.

What challenges have you faced?

I have learning and behaviour issues.

How have we helped you?

You have helped me to learn new skills like path building and crazy things like building Hugel beds. I passed my Maths and English at Entry Level 3. You offered me the chance to do a horticulture apprenticeship and I love learning from our assessor, Rob Ironmonger, from SLIC Training.

Why do you enjoy working for EAT Pennines?

I enjoy it because it's all outside work. I'm not the type of person who likes working indoors. When I tried learning horticulture at Tameside College I found it confusing but learning on site with Rob I can understand it more. I enjoy working with the other members of the team and Dave, our maintenance manager.

What would you say to a young person thinking of starting one of our traineeships?

It's a very nice place with nice people to work with. It would be brilliant if you did join a traineeship.