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ENVIRO-HUB: PARTICIPANT JAMES SHARES HIS STORY INTO WORK DURING LOCKDOWN...

'I started on the CLLD project in February 2020. Initially the project was going to be for 16 weeks but the pandemic happened and project delivery was suspended. My situation felt desperate as I was self-isolating in homeless accommodation and it was affecting my mental health.

After a discussion with the Enviro-hub they agreed that they could continue to support me in a safe environment, and I became a key worker volunteer. This was a real boost and kept me moving forward.

Whilst at Enviromail I became involved in the White Ribbon Project and completed a range of health & safety courses. They helped me to access a forklift course and I gained my licence in September 2020.

When I was applying for work I was told that I would need more experience on the forklift, so I continued volunteering in the recycling factory to build up my hours and confidence. After a review in March 2021, we updated my CV with my qualifications and experience and I felt



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job ready. I applied to an agency and was surprised to be interviewed the same day. I am now employed full time as forklift driver in food production.

I feel really positive coming out of lockdown and I have the opportunity to make something of my life. The job will enable me to find accommodation and create a home and enable my child to be proud of me. I see the value in training and I want to do more courses and get ahead. I know that should I need further support I can always visit the Enviro-hub and I feel part of the team.

CLLD has improved my confidence, raised my aspirations and changed my life!



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RETURNING TO WORK?...TIPS FROM HSE ON HOW TO START TALKING ABOUT KEEPING SAFE AT WORK....

The **HSE** have advice on talking to your workers about returning to work after a lockdown, with examples of questions you can ask to help them understand the risks and contribute to decisions on reducing the risk of transmission.

We still all need to work together to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Talking to your workers can help you reduce risks in the workplace. It's essential you make time to talk to workers about your plans for keeping the workplace COVID-secure. [LINK](#)

LOCAL THREATS UPDATE: IN AT #1... IT'S ON-LINE RADICALISATION..

By necessity, over the past year we have all been using the internet more. This has increased the risk of exposure to radicalisation, particularly for vulnerable learners, and extremist recruiters are actively adapting their narratives and methods to attract new followers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The threat is now such that on-line extremism has become the #1 priority in the **Humberside Police** local threats guidance 2020-21. [LINK](#) If you ever have any concerns about a learner being radicalised, always follow your Prevent/Safeguarding procedure, and don't hesitate to contact the HLC safeguarding team for advice.

The **ACT Early** website provides an easy-to-read overview of Prevent and the Channel process, including what to look out for and what to do if you have concerns that someone is at risk of being radicalised. [LINK](#) Remember, **Prevent** is a legal duty for education providers and safeguarding is everyone's business.



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UNITY IN COMMUNITY BUILD NEW LOCAL BUSINESS HUB FOLLOWING CLLD CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Unity in Community with support from the Hull Community Led Local Development Programme (CLLD) has been busy during lockdown building a brand-new home. Unity has been located on Endike Lane for many years but is now moving to their new premises on Greenwood Avenue.

The **Greenwood Business and Enterprise Centre** is currently being refurbished and will house business units for small local business tenants with ambition to grow. All the business tenants are residents of HU6. Some had previously operated out of their home or used lock-up garages. Now they have a place to call their own, in a secure location with car parking, electricity and low-cost rent.

Unity's new premises will also house their **Flying Start** project, helping people to re-train, up skill and gain confidence by meeting new people.

During the current lockdown, the project has provided a broad range of training courses, from food hygiene to mental health awareness, CSCS cards and paediatric first aid.



Dennis Woods, General Manager of Unity in Community, said:

"We are really pleased with the centre, it's everything we hoped it would be.

"In the current climate, many local people face uncertain futures, but we can offer some optimism and create positive outcomes for anyone who wants to make a change in their lives."

Unity's service users can sign up to a variety of projects that are completely free to access funded by the European Social Fund and the European Regional Development fund.



***The next edition of the E-BULLETIN will be out after EASTER (15 April), we wish you all a lovely break.**



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