



FROM PRISON TO EMPLOYMENT

CASE STUDY

“ I have always been enthusiastic and hard-working. I have never been unemployed since leaving college after my completing my A-levels, but when you have a conviction and as soon as you tell someone you have been to prison, they look at you differently. ”

For someone who's been in prison, finding that first job is more than a pay cheque - it can be truly transformational. We asked one of our recently-employed Clean Sheet Members how life had changed.

What was life like for you before you turned it around?

When I came out of prison, I had nothing. I had nowhere to live, no job, nothing!

What made you think you could change?

I managed to get into the local hostel and through the Probation Service and Job Centre I was recommended to attend Goodwill Solutions to gain a Reach Truck (forklift) license and warehousing experience, this was about 4 weeks long and was very valuable. Through Goodwill Solutions I was told about Clean Sheet and that they could assist with finding employment.

How did Clean Sheet help you?

Clean Sheet helped me overcome the barrier of disclosing to an employer and gain employment through one of their Clean Sheet Employers - Gi Group. Clean Sheet helped me to disclose my offence and not feel judged about my past, as well as provide positive reasons to the Employer as to why they should employ me. Clean Sheet encouraged me to regain positive factors in my life that help me to stop reoffending.

So, what's it like to have a job? And how has it changed you?

Employment gives me a structured routine through regular work, social contact and a sense of purpose and direction. I can now provide for myself, and through Langley House Trust, I have got a room in one of their house shares, which again is partly down to Clean Sheet helping me to gain employment. I am grateful for the support that Clean Sheet has given me, and no doubt without their help, finding employment would have been a lot more difficult.

