



## Aspire case study

**10 questions with:** *Will Towne*

**Qualification:** Level 2 Certificate in Logistics and Transport



**1) What attracted you to apply for Aspire funding?**

The fact that the funding was available to someone like me with no experience in the transport industry, especially with the training being provided by such a prestigious organisation as CILT, meant it was particularly attractive to me.

**2) What course did you apply for and why?**

Level 2 Certificate in Logistics and Transport, I applied for this course as I am aiming to become a transport manager, working my way from the bottom to the very top. Looking at the course content it was everything that I felt that I needed to develop my own skills in the workplace, that I have chosen as my career path.

**3) What proved the biggest challenge during your studies?**

The hardest part was finding the time to sit down and complete the work booklets / revise. But with the structure of the booklets I found it easy to get back into the work.

**4) What's been the most rewarding aspect of the course?**

Apart from passing, extending my knowledge on the transport industry massively in regards to legislations, storage, warehousing, health & safety and transport in general. As well as being able to apply what I have learnt through the courses to my day-to-day working life. By having undertaken the course, I am now sure that my future career path does lie in the transport sector, and want to improve my knowledge base quicker.

**5) Is there anything that surprised you about course?**

The major surprise for me when I was doing this course was how much I could relate my work to the course and vice versa. I could relate the questions to a situation that I have been in within my workplace which really helped for the exams.

My employers Collett & Sons Ltd also picked up within a few months of me starting the course that I had a better understanding of the industry, and have now looked at fast tracking my development in the transport office.

**6) What new skills have you acquired as a result of the training?**

In my workplace we deal with mainly heavy transports and some general haulage so when I was onto 'passenger transport services' unit this was something I was completely new to me and which I had previously knew a very little amount about, so the whole unit was new to me and I learnt a lot of different parts of crucial information relating to passenger transport.

**7) How did you find the experience**

The experience was surprisingly enjoyable as I it was the first time I had undertaken distance learning, all my previous educational achievements were through classroom lead teaching. I found having to get the information myself a great challenge initially, but looking back feel that because of this the material content has stayed with me, which not only helped in the examinations, but will assist me going forward on my career pathway in transport.

**8) Is there anything else you would like to comment about your Aspire experience?**

Without the opportunity provided me by Aspire through the funding I would not have been able to undertake the training, which would have meant that I would not have got the additional enthusiasm to take up a career in Transport.

**9) What advice would you give anyone considering applying for Aspire funding?**

My advice would be to go for it as the amount of resources, help and advice you can receive from the CILT / ASPIRE team is incredible.

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