**Nana:** My name is Nana-Yaw Badu and I’m a Sports Youth Worker. I’m doing a Sport Apprenticeship - Level 2 Community Activator Coach. So Future Youth Zone is a charity where they offer a fun and safe place for young people to become active, live healthier.

The way I became an apprentice was I went for a recruitment event day and they were telling me about how the sports apprenticeship works, how the set-up was. When I first started, I was a bit nervous, but since I settled in with this job, I knew that the kids were going to love me. Right now I’m really, really enjoying this job because the kids are very, very nice, they always get me moving.

I do some learning online. I also do a development day every eight weeks and it helps me within my employment.

My colleagues, they’re really, really nice people. My line manager, my employer, they’ve supported me so well. They have made adjustments to meet my needs. They give me good advice, how I can settle in, how I can support the kids as well.

**Ray:** I’m Ray and I’m the Volunteer Recruitment and Staff Training Manager here at Future Youth Zone. Nana’s role, he’s a Sports Apprentice and since starting with us, he’s brought lots of different ideas. Transitioning to become an apprentice, a staff member, the responsibilities change. We started off with the junior sessions, where it’ll be easier for him to build that rapport with the young people. That’s what we’ve done to adapt to his needs, where he can build up that confidence in himself.

**Nana:** The one thing I love about my job is the atmosphere from the kids. They always come up to see me and say “hello, hello, Nana. How you doing?”.

**Ray:** The biggest change that I’ve seen in Nana is his confidence grow. He puts 100% in all the activities.

**Nana:** My advice is just go for it because it helps you to gain employment and it’s very very good for you. You’re going to love it.