



### **Lucy Thomson SCQF Level 5**

#### **Modern Apprenticeship SVQ Level 2: Upholstery and Soft Furnishing: Soft Furnishing**

Lucy attended Cowdenbeath High School until 2009 followed by two years further study at Carnegie College achieving SVQ level 6 in Art & Design and a further two years at Dundee College where she attained an HNC in Textiles.

Lucy supported herself through her studies by taking up weekend employment at Frankie & Benny's.

While looking for full time employment at Cowdenbeath Opportunity Centre Lucy was linked with a Disability Employment Co-ordinator from Supported Employment Services who coached and assisted her with job searching and applying for vacancies.

In October 2014 Lucy attended an interview at Matrix Fife and was successful in gaining a position as a Modern Apprentice supported through the Work Choice programme.

During Lucy's time at Matrix Fife she has gained valuable experience in the soft furnishing department, improving and learning new skills including communication, problem solving, preparing fabrics, complex seams and working and engaging with colleagues in a team environment,

Lucy has also gained experience in window dressing treatments and has received training in various health and safety practices.

Lucy is a popular, energetic, helpful can do employee.

In September 2015 Lucy successfully completed and received her certification.

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Modern Apprenticeship Level 2 in Upholstery and Soft Furnishing: Soft Furnishing.

Lucy's ambition is to continue learning at Matrix and eventually move on to become a fashion designer.

### **Glen Fraser SCQF Level 5**

#### **Modern Apprenticeship SVQ Level 2: Furniture Making: Component Manufacture**

Glen attended Wood Mill High School Dunfermline until 2013, he then moved on to Sports coaching one night a week through Active Schools Fife teaching a variety of sports to children.

Glen also attends Boys Brigade and is ranked an officer.

While attending the local jobcentre Glen was linked with a Disability Employment Co-ordinator from Supported Employment Services who coached and assisted him with job searching and applying for vacancies. In October 2014 Glen attended an interview at Matrix Fife and was successful in gaining a position as a Modern Apprentice supported through the Work Choice programme based within the wood work Section.

After a few months of working at Matrix Glen started the Scottish Qualifications Authority SVQ Level 2 Furniture Making: Component Manufacture, this involved communication skills, working on and documenting his project work using the computer and answering questions on skills relating to furniture making, including operating wood working machinery, measuring and cutting materials and making and assembling hand crafted furniture. During Glen's time at Matrix he has learned a variety of skills such as working with others, safe working practices and Health & Safety procedures he has also attended, PASMA Scaffold Training, Tele Tower and ladder training.

In December 2015 Glen successfully completed and received his certification.

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Level 2 Modern Apprenticeship: Furniture Making: Component Manufacture.

Glen is an enthusiastic employee who gets on well with his Team. Glen enjoys working in the busy woodworking section alongside his workmates and is looking forward to continuing to learn new skills with Matrix Fife.

### **Blaine Donaldson SCQF Level 5**

#### **Modern Apprenticeship SVQ Level 2: Upholstery and Soft Furnishings: Modern Upholstery.**

Blaine attended Cowdenbeath High School then moved onto West Fife Enterprise at Low Valley field attending a wood work course.

Nearing the end of the course Blaine was linked with a Disability Employment Co-ordinator from Supported Employment Services who coached and assisted him with job searching and applying for vacancies. In October 2014 Blaine attended an interview at Matrix Fife and was successful in gaining a position as a Modern Apprentice, supported through the Work Choice programme based within the Upholstery Section.

During Blaine's time at Matrix he has learned a variety of skills such as communication, working with others, safe working practices and Health & Safety procedures

Due to the nature of the work order commitments within this busy section Blaine managed to fit in well, working alongside the team even though the jobs were intricate, he learned very quickly and soon became a valued member of the team.

After a few months of working at Matrix, Blaine started on the Scottish Qualifications Authority SVQ Level 2 Upholstery and Soft Furnishings: Modern Upholstery, this involved communication, working on and documenting his project using the computer and answering questions on skills relating to upholstery, machine-stitching, hand-stitching, sewing, measuring and cutting fabrics. In January 2016 Blaine successfully completed and received his certification.

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Modern Apprenticeship Level 2 in Upholstery and Soft Furnishing: Modern Upholstery.

Blaine enjoys his job at Matrix and is looking forward to progressing with further training units.