Kieran is a fantastic example of a young man who has benefitted from the Project SEARCH experience.
Kieran was 18 when he started the programme; he came straight from secondary school and had chosen not to pursue the traditional college course like his school friends, as he wanted to work.
Kieran had experienced some difficulties in his early school career, but had fantastic family support particularly from his Mum, who already pushed him to achieve more and more.

Kieran’s first internship was the role of a Porter and a Car Park Attendant. To Kieran’s amazement, he loved the role, and quickly developed his confidence in speaking to the staff, students and members of the public. He also became to realise how his knowledge of IT could benefit him in a role that he had never realised before, as he soon had to use a hand-held device to ticket illegally parked cars!

Kieran went on to thoroughly enjoy an internship within the PC Roll Out Team at the University, setting up and configuring new PC’s for the staff team throughout the campus. His final internship was within the Audio Visual Department as a technician.

At the Project SEARCH Graduation Ceremony, Kieran stood up and spoke proudly to over 70 people about his experience, bringing some grown men to tears; something he says he would never have been able to do a year ago.

At the end of the programme, Kieran was identified by the Estates team as the preferred candidate for a full time, permanent, Car Park Attendant position and was appointed to the post. He started work on Monday 7th July and was thrown right into the Graduation ceremonies, the busiest time for the University.

Kieran said “I have really enjoyed Project SEARCH; it has boosted my confidence to find employment. I have made lots of new work mates at the University and have learnt how to work as part of a team. I am really enjoying my new job and the independence it has given me. I would definitely recommend Project SEARCH.”

Kathy, Kieran’s Mum said “Kieran has put a lot of hard work and dedication into Project SEARCH, but he just needed somebody to believe in him. He is now a confident young man.”