

Llion's Story

"At Menai Bikes I just fix bikes, and get to know different parts of bikes.

Before I got this apprenticeship I didn't know how to fix my own bike! I asked my mate every time to fix my bike because I couldn't do it, but now I'm confident enough to do it myself.

Because I go to college too, my manager tries to help me too, so I have to send one email a day. At the beginning I didn't know what to do, but now I'm OK.

When I go to the Warehouse I sort out the pieces of furniture. I clean and sort them to go on the shop floor.

With the Outdoor Partnership I was climbing the mountains around here, and then it showed me how to do a grid reference, how to do map-reading. In the future I want to finish at Menai Bikes and then try for a place at the Outdoor Partnership or something.

I go to work, get money. I'm starting to buy things I want, so I don't have to ask my mother for money every time. I can just get it for myself because just I've earned it.

And now I go to College, see my friends, and things.

I was quite miserable because I'd just finished college and had nothing to do. I had kind of built a barrier around myself against other people, and now I'm more lively and things. I feel more confident. I'm not there 100%, but I know which way to go now.

This Project has helped me because it's helped me to get confidence and a foot in the door, really.

Sylfaen has helped me a lot."