

## Riana Hussain: Case Study - March 2022

Before enrolling for our Pre-Employment Teaching Assistant Course in February 2022, delivered in partnership with Axia Solutions, Riana (pictured) was in her own words "on the brink" and clearly going through a difficult time....



### Riana's thoughts on the course & beyond...

#### How did you feel before the course started?

*"Before the course I was going through a difficult time in my life - I was on the brink of a breakdown and felt like I was lost and had no identity. I would look down on myself and sold myself short. The first few days were very daunting."*

#### So what happened?

*"As I got to know everybody on the course and the tutor Mark, I slowly began to engage and take part in discussions. At this point I started to enjoy the course and to believe in myself."*

#### In what ways did the course help you?

*"It has made me stronger and allowed me to focus on myself. I have finally found my identity and this journey has taught me there is no harm in putting yourself first. This is actually the first time in 36 years of my life I have done something for myself. I want to thank Mark for the encouragement and getting me through this course - he believed in me and that's why I believe in me too."*

#### How do you feel looking back on the course?

*"As I look back at how much I have achieved and learned I am surprised at myself. This course has allowed me to develop not only academically but emotionally too."*

#### So what's next?

*"I am super proud of myself and can't wait for a future career as a Teaching Assistant."*

**Riana has now registered with programme sponsors 'Now Education' and we wish her every success in her future career!**

#### First Steps...

*"At first, I was apprehensive and did not believe I was capable of finishing this course."*

#### Challenges...

*"I underestimated my capabilities and was afraid to take tasks on just in case I failed."*

#### Solutions...

*"Even though the work was extremely hard, with the excellent tutor support I managed to pull through the units slowly but surely - this course has made me stronger and allowed me to focus on myself."*

#### Tutor's View...

*"Riana was clearly nervous at the outset of the course - it was a big deal for her to enrol. But Riana soon settled into the rhythm of learning and relaxed with the others in the class. It was great to see her self-belief progressively surfacing each day. Riana was a model learner, always happy to contribute to group discussions, she worked hard on her submissions and grew in confidence with completion of each workbook. My understanding is that she has decided to do some voluntary work at her child's school and look to start work in September - Riana will be a great Teaching Assistant and I wish her all the best." Mark Garratt - Tutor, Axia Solutions*

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