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A Support Worker's Letter to The Forum School

Dear Principal,

When I first started work at The Forum School as a Support Worker, I was a little overwhelmed at the total change in my career choice. I was excited to learn new skills, and quickly picked up the initial training. I soon realised the way I saw the world was totally different to the young adults who I would be working with. My fantastic training helped me adapt to their world, observing my peers as they interacted with others in the home.

Before long my first breakthrough came and I connected with a young adult. I was so happy to be making a difference; it was all very rewarding. I gained experience and started to enjoy being a part of their lives. My confidence improved and seemed to make the young adults feel safe with me.

Due to family reasons, I was supposed to be relocating, but couldn't stand the idea of leaving The Forum. So much so that I bought an economical car and withdrew my notice. Why would I leave here? It's probably the best job I have had! Some days you will pinch yourself and wonder how a job can be so rewarding. There are always challenging days, but the support team around me has always been fantastic. One of the things I love about The Forum School is the way I am supported by my line manager, senior staff and management. They make me feel valued, they listen to me and will help me with any issues I may have that could affect me or the way I work.

If the school you work in is challenging, don't suffer in silence, there are always solutions. You may find another home more suitable for you, don't give up until you give this a try. All the homes are different and sometimes you're like a square peg trying to fit in a round hole. I had to find my niche, I had the maturity to say I can't and rather than throw in the towel, I tried something different. I have now blossomed into a strong, confident and happy person in the home I work in. I love my time here at The Forum School and the staff I work with are amazing.

Everyone is so social and will make you smile, waving "good morning" as you walk around every day...I love that about The Forum School.

