

Apprenticeship is chance to make a real difference

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A Sanctuary Supported Living apprentice has spoken about the benefits and opportunities his role offers to mark National Apprenticeship Week

Adult care apprentice Adam Elliott, 16, is based at Sanctuary Supported Living's Hilltop House, in Bury St Edmunds, which provides care and support for adults with a range of physical disabilities.

Adam's role sees him working closely with residents, providing support to help them live as independently as possible.

He says the knowledge that he is making a real difference to people's lives is the thing

he values most about his apprenticeship.

Adam explained: "I've always wanted a career where I felt I was making a real difference. I was unsure what I wanted to do after finishing my GCSEs but an apprenticeship and the opportunity to gain hands-on experience stood out to me.

"The classroom setting wasn't for me and I believe I will achieve so much more learning practically. I enjoy giving my time to residents, painting and chatting with them or taking them shopping. My apprenticeship has been an amazing opportunity and I'm so glad I applied. It's the best decision I ever made.

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Sanctuary's award-winning national apprenticeship programme was established in 2008 and has since supported almost 2,000 people into work, both directly and through development partners.

The programme provides apprentices with a meaningful career path, on-the-job training, support to achieve nationally recognised qualifications and the opportunity to earn while they learn.

National Apprenticeship Week (3-9 February) is an annual event, organised by the National Apprenticeship Service, which celebrates the talents and skills of apprentices and promotes the value of apprenticeship programmes.

