



Jobs 4 Life



Rob Thorne

“I now run my own successful plumbing and heating business, RT Plumbing & Heating, which turned over in excess of £75,000”.

Prior to starting his Plumbing course at ATL, Rob had been working in the aircraft aviation fuel industry for many years. But he wanted more than that. An influencing factor in his decision to spend his hard earned money on this course was his ambition to set up his own business and take control of his own destiny and career.

In spite of only having some basic DIY skills, Rob says “the theoretical and practical support they gave me throughout my blended learning experience was second to none and more than matched my expectations”. The Virtual Reality training software was simply brilliant and really helped me to build confidence in my problem solving skills early on.”

His plumbing course enabled him to gain the skills and confidence to pursue what is now a rewarding career in the plumbing and heating industry. Rob now runs his own successful plumbing and heating business, RT Plumbing & Heating, which turned over in excess of £75,000 from which he drew a good salary and left more than enough working capital to expand his business and pursue further opportunities.

Rob has subsequently gone on to achieve his Oil qualifications and is now OFTEC registered and he is close to becoming Gas Safe registered.



Mark Allison

“I never take home less than £1200 per week!”

Mark was working as a general labourer when he decided to undertake a blended learning plumbing course. Mark had always been interested in plumbing and had dabbled a bit in the past. Like many adult career changers Mark decided to retrain as a plumber to improve his standard of living and take control of his destiny.

Mark has achieved his ambition. He recently set up his own partnership plumbing business (A & M Heating Services) and has gone on to achieve CORGI registration with ongoing heating system installation contracts “I never take home less than £1200 per week!” says Mark.



Gareth Allen

“Although my wages were low to start with, I now earn £30k - £35k a year with a van provided too.”

Gareth was working as a roofing contractor when he decided to undertake a blended learning plumbing course. Gareth says roofing was often cold and wet and as he was not getting any younger he decided it was time to retrain. Being a practical ‘hands on’ guy, he decided plumbing was the career he wanted.

Shortly after finishing his course Gareth was able to secure employment with Abbots Limited in Bournemouth and although his wages were low to start with he now earns £30-35,000 pa with a van provided too. Gareth is now looking to add gas to his portfolio and get on the Gas Safe register, which he will be coming back to ATL to do.

“I am able to earn a really good living and the prospects are great – I owe it all to this course.”



Carl Thompson

“Hoping to clear £20k from my business in its first year, I actually managed to clear £30k and I was delighted.”

Before deciding to retrain as a plumber, Carl was working in an office earning £23,000 a year. Feeling he’d reached his earning ceiling in the office environment and being a practical sort of guy, enjoying working with his hands doing DIY work, Carl thought he might be able to do better as a self-employed plumber.

Carl really enjoyed the course and was surprised how easy it was to switch from an office job to learning a trade skill. The course worked for me and the 3D learning software enabled me to practice things over and over until I got it right – it was great and a real confidence boost.

He went self-employed as soon as he’d completed his training, hoping to clear £20,000 from his business in his first year, he cleared £30,000 as was delighted! He continues to be very busy and is looking forward to the future.

“The course exceeded my expectations and I’m looking forward to a rewarding future.”



Paul Chipps

“I was tired of my double glazing job and when I found out about the shortage of plumbers in the UK, I decided it was time for a change.”

Paul always had an interest in Plumbing and was tired of his double glazing job. When he found out about the shortage of plumbers in the UK he decided it was time for a change.

Since his first week in centre he says he’s never looked back. “I carried on working and earning in double glazing whilst I studied at home and used my holidays to attend the practical training in one week blocks”

As soon as he finished his training, Paul went self employed to get some experience, working on kitchen and bathroom installations. This helped him get a job with Rydan Plumbing Group where he is now earning a basic salary of £26,000 a year, plus benefits on top.

“I had the confidence to go out on my own straight after the course and it led me to a great job.”

What’s next for Paul? “Subject to my employer allowing me the time I will be to take my defined scope Part P electrical qualification.”



Stuart Barrow

“Before I decided to train as a plumber I owned five pizza franchises.”

Stuart always had an entrepreneurial eye. Before deciding to learn plumbing skills he owned 5 Domino Pizza franchises. But it wasn’t this that set him on the path to become a plumber.

He was having major refurbishment work done on his house, and found out that the plumbing work would cost him £6000 - £10000, so he thought he would spend £6000 on the course and do the work himself, meaning he’d save money and get himself a trade at the same time.

The course gave him the confidence to go into peoples’ homes and confidentially carry out the work. So as soon as he’d finished his course he started advertising for work and began getting little jobs here and there. He started by earning about £100 per day and said it was realistic to expect a £20,000 per annum salary. After completing his third week of training he applied for work with the Council through an agency and they took him on. He is now earning £30,000 working Monday to Friday 8am - 4pm, and he can earn another £100 - £500 per week doing private work on top.

“It all came together for me after the course – it exceeded all my expectations.”

He says he could easily increase this to £1000 per week if he puts the hours in. He has just installed his first unvented hot water cylinder and is amazed how quickly he has progressed!



Andrew Angus

“...can’t stop to chat, I’m on my way to another job.”

Ex Army Engineer Andrew was looking for a sustainable trade on leaving the Army so he could provide for his family. Although he had no previous plumbing experience, he thought he would give it a go.

“It was a revelation and a complete change of lifestyle for me. I was able to devote quite a bit of time to my studies and completed the training quite quickly. What made it easy to understand was the quality of the training materials and the fact that there was always a tutor there to help me out if I got stuck. I think one of the very best parts was the virtual reality training. I got to grips with that as I was used to playing computer games. It’s a great way to learn and you can practice something over and over again until you’ve cracked it.”

Having finished his training Andrew went straight into employment as a plumber and has now set up his own business. After just 2 months of trading he says he’s earning about £2,000 a month, but couldn’t spare the time for a longer chat as he’s on his way to another job!



Martin Venner

“I’ve got more work than I can handle, what recession?”

Ex Bakery Manager Martin tired of getting up before the larks wanted to find a better way to bring in the dough and be his own boss, so he decided to retrain as a plumber.

He now says he couldn’t be happier. He’s set up as a self employed plumber and he’s already taking earning about £25,000 per annum and his business is building month by month.

“I’ve got more work than I can handle, what recession?”

He has linked in with 2 local building firms as well as building his own personal client base. His customers are so delighted with his skills he’s now in the enviable position to benefit from business by recommendation



Julie Naylor

“I still work as a nurse but do a couple of days a week as a plumber. I am earning an extra £800 a month on top of my nursing salary.”

Nurse Julie wanted to learn something different and heard female plumbers can get a lot of work so she decided to enrol on a blended learning course and find out for herself.

Having completed her training she still works as a nurse, but also does a couple of days a week as a plumber.

“It’s a really interesting way to earn extra money and I’ve got a career to fall back on if I need it.”

She only does plumbing for female customers and working these 2 days a week she is earning £800 a month on top of her nursing salary.



Byron Thwaites

“Thanks to my training I was able to set myself up as a self-employed plumber and now I am sub-contracting for a local firm.”

Ex Fork Lift driver, Byron always enjoyed hands on work and wanted a change. His dad suggested plumbing and as he has friends which are plumbers too he decided to give it a go and enrolled on a blended learning plumbing course.

Having completed his training he was able to set himself up as a self employed plumber and is sub contracting for local contracting firms doing domestic and industrial plumbing jobs.

Although he started out earning less than he was as a fork lift driver, after just 6 months and as he gained experience he was able to take on more work he is now earning double what he used to earn.

Relating his training experience, Byron says “I’ve never come across such a good course and the software that simulates problem solving in the home is simply brilliant. The tutors were great too, they made the course easy and fun and I have never looked back.



Rodney Bowey

“I went out and set myself up in business and I’m earning more than I used to in my old job. The big difference is that I love what I’m doing.”

Rodney worked for an injection moulding company for years and then was, unexpectedly, made redundant. With a young family to support, it was a difficult time for him with tough decisions to make.

“I really had to think hard about the future as I was the only bread winner in the family. There were little or no prospects of any jobs in the same industry, so I had no option but to look for alternatives.”

Rodney decided to invest his redundancy money into the plumbing course so that he could have a recognised trade. Having successfully completed the course, his future no longer looked so bleak.

“Passing that final practical training assessment was a milestone for me. I knew I had the knowledge and skills to do the job properly. I went out and set myself up in business and I’m earning more than I used to in my old job. The big difference is that I love what I’m doing.”



Ivor Brownhill

“It was great to know that I had a solid trade skill to fall back on and a real boost that I was able to convert my hard work into earning an income.”

Ivor is an engineer, and worked for a company manufacturing nuts and bolts. The business was doing well but with so much uncertainty in the industry he decided to do the plumbing course in his spare time so that he’d have a trade to fall back on if things went badly at work.

“I decided to do the course as a back-up in case something went wrong with the company I work for. Things were fine but you never know what’s around the corner. For me the time to make sure I had a ‘Plan B’ was to have it ready when and if I needed it, not to wait for things to go wrong and then struggle.”

“The plumbing course worked brilliantly for me - I couldn’t fault it. I was able to fit in all the study in my spare time at home and I fitted the practical training sessions in during my holidays. What made the practical sessions easier was all the practise that I did with the 3D-VR software. It gives you the confidence that you know how to do things right first time.”

Even though the company continues to do well Ivor decided to take the plunge and apply his new skills in the ‘real world’.

“It felt great to know that I had a solid trade skill to fall back on and a real boost that I was able to convert my hard work into earning an income. Since starting on my own, soon after I qualified, I haven’t looked back. It was a big decision to make as the company was still doing ok, but I just had the confidence to take my new skills and put them into practice.”



Neil Buxton

“I’m regularly earning in excess of £1000 a week and I couldn’t even have dreamt of that in my old job

Neil lives near Leeds and got tired of doing manual labouring jobs on building sites. Working through agencies he was finding it tougher and tougher to get work as the recession started to bite. In the end he decided he’d look for something that would enable him to become self-employed and not so dependent on the jobs market. He wanted to find work that would compliment his existing skills and experience.

“It was hard finding jobs that would last longer than a week or two, everyone was cutting back and work was harder to come by. I’m good with my hands and I don’t mind hard graft, so I decided to train as a plumber.”

Fitting his study and training around his existing job proved to be a major plus for Neil.

“This course worked for me because I was able to study whilst still working and that made paying for it much easier. I couldn’t afford to do one of those residential courses so this was brilliant, the ideal solution for me. With some experience already, the knowledge came easily and I picked it up quickly.”

Neil successfully completed the course and immediately had plans for a different future - working for himself.

I thoroughly enjoyed the course and found it really useful. It gave me the confidence, knowledge and skills to go and carry our plumbing work and that’s what I did, as soon as my certificates arrived.”

Neil is now enjoying the fruits of his labours and is making a good living from his plumbing work.

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Able Chibalabala

“Would I recommend this course to others? In a word Yes!”

Able was an electrician in his home country before emigrating to the UK with his family, due to worsening economic and political conditions. Unfortunately, although appropriately qualified in his home country, he was unable to work lawfully as an electrician in the UK because of the strict regulations here. As a consequence he ended up having to do general warehouse work, which meant he had to struggle financially. Luckily for Able he heard about the blended learning electrical training courses run by T4TS and decided that was the best option to get him back into the trade he loved. He was able to continue his warehouse job but at the same time, study to gain full UK recognised qualifications.

Asked about how he found the course compared with the training in his home country he said; “The difference was amazing, training has moved on so far. I couldn’t believe how good the software simulation package was – really helpful. That and the tutor support you get made it a good experience for me.”

Now with the course fully completed he has set up his own business as a self-employed electrician and is finally able to put his skills into practice again.

Asked whether he would recommend the course to anyone else he said; “Would I recommend the course to others – in a word, YES!”



Lance Connors

“It’s gave me the confidence to swap careers and I’m putting my new found skills to good use, earning money as an electrician. I would definitely recommend it to others.”

Lance from Bristol was working as a car mechanic but was laid off. With little success in gaining employment elsewhere in the automotive industry he decided a complete change of direction was required. Wisely, he decided that electrical skills would always be in demand and so he decided to retrain as an electrician.

Lance successfully completed his practical training course in Southampton recently and when asked how he found the experience, he commented as follows:

“I really enjoyed the course. It’s gave me the confidence to swap careers and I’m putting my new found knowledge and skills to good use, earning money as an electrician. I would definitely recommend it to others.”



Michael Day

“I’m able to do my own plumbing work around the house which saves money and I’m also earning money on a self employed basis. I was able to recover the cost of the course inside a month.”

Working as an engineer, Michael already had a good job, but the recession bit hard in Cornwall and Michael in common with many others lost his job to the downturn. Needing to find a new career and a way to care for his family, Michael decided that traditional trade skills were the way to go.

“I remembered how difficult it was to get a decent plumber around where we lived so I decided I might as well become one.”

Michael used what little redundancy money he had, plus some savings to invest in his own future and in his belief that he could make the grade as a qualified plumbing professional. The blended learning package suited him and in particular the 3D simulation software which he found a great help; “Learning the theory is one thing but being able to put it into practice another. The 3D VR software does just that, it tells you whether you’ve really grasped the material and can apply that to solving real problem. The good thing is that it doesn’t ruin the carpets if you make a big mistake!”

“It was a really tough decision to make at the time but now it’s paying off. I’m able to do my own plumbing work around the house which saves money and I’m also earning money on a self employed basis. I was able to recover the cost of the course inside a month.”



Andrew Edkins

“I’m fully qualified now and already working as a fully fledged plumber. I’m delighted that my new career in plumbing is really paying off.”

Andrew from Milton Keynes decided that a future as a security guard was not the future he wanted. When he saw the advert for careers in plumbing and found that he could fit the study around his existing job, he decided to take the plunge.

Just 18 months later he is now fully qualified and still as determined to make a success of his new career as a plumber. Asked whether he had any regrets about taking the decision to make such a dramatic career shift, he commented:

“I can’t think of any way in which the course could’ve been better. The manuals and all the interactive stuff were great. The virtual reality is very impressive. I really enjoyed it and it fitted around my work and lifestyle. I’m fully qualified now and already working as a fully fledged plumber. I’m delighted that my new career in plumbing is really paying off.”



Andrew Edwards

“It’s a brilliant way to earn extra money.”

Andrew worked as a landscape gardener in Dorset but felt that he wasn’t achieving everything he wanted and decided he needed to earn extra money on the side.

“I love landscape gardening but it isn’t the best paying job in the world. I was planning to get married and wanted us to have the best possible start.”

Andrew retained his job but took on the plumbing course so that he could qualify as a plumber and earn additional money. Now fully qualified, his investment is paying off.

“After I completed the course I got an additional job on a part-time basis as a caretaker/plumber and in addition to that I now do jobs at the weekends.”

In short, Andrew has discovered just what a lucrative career plumbing can be for those with the right skills and qualifications. His initial investment in the course has been repaid several times over and in his own words:

“It’s a brilliant way to earn extra money.”



Roy Fielding

“Life is a whole lot better now that I’m based in one place and in control of what I do.”

Roy was working as a delivery driver when he first saw the plumbing course advertised in his local paper. Fed up with the frustration and daily grind of traffic jams and constant time pressure, he decided a change of career was in order.

“Some days were ok but there were times when you never knew what time you’d finish and increasingly, traffic was a problem, nothing but road-works and delays.”

Initially concerned that there might not be enough work once qualified, he nevertheless committed wholeheartedly to the course. He is now qualified and reaping the rewards of his leap of faith.

“Life is a whole lot better now that I’m based in one place and in control of what I do. Initially, I wasn’t sure whether I wanted to be employed or self-employed but took the plunge and chose to go it on my own. It turned out to be a good move and I’m enjoying being my own boss and working the hours that suit me. The best thing is that I’m earning more than I used to but without the stress.”



Stuart Gadsby

“I always wanted to be more than just a warehousing assistant....It wasn’t easy but with the help of my tutors I got through.”

Bedford based Stuart is now enjoying life as a fully qualified electrician, having recently successfully completed his electrical training course. In his eyes, his was a rather ‘dead-end’ job. It paid the bills but it didn’t give him much in the way of job satisfaction and he knew he could achieve more.

“I wanted to be more than just a warehousing assistant but without qualifications behind me and not being able to give up work and go back to college, I just didn’t think I would amount to much.”

Stuart though, used that job to fund his change in career by enrolling on a blended learning electrical training course and he’s never looked back.

“I saw this advert for an electrician’s course which I could fit in around my job and so having nothing to lose, decided to give it a go. Am I glad I did! It wasn’t easy, but with the help of my tutors I got through it and now I’m working full time in the trade. A big plus for me was the simulation software that allowed me to practice again and again until I got things right. Without that I think I might have struggled – it’s a big big help. I want to do this for a year or two to get more experience and then go on my own as self-employed.”

Congratulations to Stuart on a job well done and on his newfound career.



Mick Gomm

“I struck out on my own just as soon as I could.”

Mick had a good job as a production manager and whilst it supported a comfortable lifestyle it carried with it a lot of stress. The demands of the role and in particular ‘forced’ overtime meant that Mick became disillusioned and became determined to make a change for the better.

Even though his was a demanding job, Mick made time to fit in a blended learning course to train as a fully qualified plumber. It was a great deal of work and demanded a lot of effort but Mick persevered and completed his course.

Mick had very definite ideas about what he wanted to do and how to go about it.

“I realised that this was the route I needed to follow if I wanted to change my life for the better. I studied hard to make sure I’d pass and when I did, I felt that there was a new world of opportunity waiting for me. I arranged it so that I was working alongside another plumber to start with until I’d some experience and a proper client base. But then I struck out on my own just as soon as I could.”

“I’d like to say a big thank you to the tutors who were a constant help. I thought the 3D software was awesome – you don’t really know how much you’ve learned until you try to put it into practice. The good thing is that you can try as many times as you need to. It’s easy to use and it’s a totally safe environment to practice in.”



Paul Harman

“Looking forward to a better life.”

Paul worked as a ticket guard on the railways in Hampshire. Frustrated about the opportunities for career advancement and generally unimpressed with the prospects, he decided there had to be a better way to make a living.

Paul liked the fact that his job gave him the opportunity to progress quickly through his course. He worked on the course during work breaks and in the evenings, and particularly enjoyed the virtual reality training.

“The scenario training was great – it’s ok learning something but it’s not until you have to put it into practice that you really know whether you understand it properly or not. You can work with it [the 3D virtual reality software] over and over again until you really crack it. It helps build your confidence in your own ability to solve real life problems without the risk.”

Having completed the course Paul was anxious to change his life for the better.

“I already had a job lined up as a plumbers mate for when I passed so I could get some on the job experience before going on my own. I finally did it and now I’m looking forward to a better life.”



Nigel Harris

“Now I’m doing a job I really enjoy and earning decent money in my spare time.”

Based near Chepstow, Nigel had a job as a driver/deliveryman but wanted the ability to earn more. He’d always had an interest in being an electrician as that’s what his father did for many years and Nigel used to help him out when he was younger. Always with a keen interest in things electrical, Nigel decided it would be a great way to earn an extra income.

“For me it seemed like a natural thing to do. I already knew quite a bit but I couldn’t do anything with my skills without the appropriate qualifications, so I decided to get them.”

Nigel still has his delivery job which he enjoys and which financed his training course but now he’s much better off as he’s fully qualified and able to work on his own.

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Adam James

“It was brilliant!”

Based in the West Midlands, Adam left school with no real qualifications and drifted into general factory work. He recognised that whilst this would support him in the short term, it did not offer a stable or rewarding future career.

Adam decided a career as a plumber offered much better prospects and decided to enrol on the course using his existing job to fund the course costs. He really took to the training programme and thoroughly enjoyed the learning process.

“It was just so different to learning at school – it was brilliant. There’s no pressure and no classes, you just learn in your own time and study when you want. It was fun, I liked the virtual reality scenarios, it was just like playing computer games but it makes you really learn and apply what you know.”

He gained in confidence as his knowledge and abilities grew and he passed his exams with flying colours.

“Once I completed the course it filled me with so much confidence and I couldn’t wait to apply my skills.”

Adam was fortunate to find a job straight away and has never looked back.

“It’s been great, I got a job after I got my certificates and now I feel that I have a real future. I know it’ll be hard work but I’ve got a job that pays well and I really enjoy – I’m going to give it my best shot.”



Stephen Lang

“I’ve finally got a job I love and the money is good too.”

Working as a domestic assistant in a psychiatric hospital, Stephen wanted to find a new direction and one that didn’t involve shift work.

“It was a difficult environment to work in and with constantly changing shift patterns it made planning anything really difficult.”

Stephen decided that a career as an electrician offered better prospects and more stability. He was able to fit in his study around his work and rapidly made progress through the course. Once he passed his exams, Stephen immediately applied for and got job working alongside an experienced electrician.

“It was a really good course, everything was properly explained and the practicals were excellent. It’s good because you arrive for practical training already with a lot of knowledge. I picked up so much from the learning software and just going over it time and again until I got it spot on. It builds up your confidence in your own ability and when you start your practical training you just know you can do it.

I now have a job with a local firm to gain experience for a year or so. I’ve finally got a job I love and the money is good too but the intention is to work for myself and do even better.”



Eraldo Marques

“The course gave me the ability to go in a completely new direction.”

Eraldo already had a good job as a music teacher for his local school in Manchester and took the course because he wanted to earn more money and to enjoy a better lifestyle. He has now successfully completed his electrical training course and is finding that it’s opened up a number of new options for his future.

“I love my teaching job but the pay isn’t that great and I wanted to earn more money in my spare time. I’ve always been fascinated by electricity, so doing an electrical training course seemed like the obvious choice.”

“Once I qualified, I started doing some small jobs at weekends and I found it easy to get new work as people started to recommend me to friends and neighbours. Soon I was working almost every weekend and then I realised that I could earn much more doing electrical work than in my teaching job.”

So Eraldo now has luxury of two career paths to choose from.

“The course gave me the ability to go in a completely new direction.”



Dean McAllister

“The course equipped me with the skills to make a new future.”

Dean had always intended to gain a skill and become a self-employed tradesman but after a succession of temporary jobs he secured a full time position in a warehouse. Then marriage and a young family followed and he thought he had missed his chance career-wise.

Then he took the opportunity to train in his spare time around his existing job and decided to ‘go for it’. Just two years later his dedication paid off in more ways than one.

“For me the course was the opportunity to make up for lost time and get the career I’d always wanted.”

“The course equipped me with the skills to make a new future. What’s good is that you build up our knowledge base quite quickly and the more you know the more confidence you have going forward. The 3D learning software really puts you in control and gives feedback on what you do right and what you do wrong. It makes learning a lot easier and a lot safer.”

“ I thought I’d probably work for someone else but began doing small jobs on my own. Then with recommendations, it didn’t take long to build up enough work to convince me that I’d made exactly the right decision. I’m earning much more than I used to and I feel that all my hard work has paid off.”



Dominic Mould

“It wasn’t what I expected at all – I really enjoyed the course.”

Dominic’s reasons for joining the training course were a little unusual. He already runs his own building company business, so a change in career was the last thing on his mind. Cleverly though, Dominic realised that plumbers earn good money and he was paying a lot to outside plumbers to work on his projects.

“I suddenly realised that I could do the job myself if I had the right qualifications.”

Dominic took the course looking on it as a ‘means to an end’ and something of a necessary evil but was pleasantly surprised.

“It wasn’t what I expected at all – I really enjoyed the course.”

Now Dominic is able to do all the plumbing jobs himself and can earn more as a result – Job Done!



Roger Pleasants

“It’s a dream come true.”

Roger worked as a junior manager in retail in his native Cambridge but new that this was not the direction he wanted for his future career. Even before the recession, retail was suffering and Roger decided the time was right to make a change.

He enrolled on the electrical training course and managed to study in his spare time, mostly in the evenings as he often worked weekends.

“It was quite a lot of work but I really enjoyed it. The tutors were really good and very friendly. I learned a lot and gained in confidence as I gained new skills.”

Roger successfully completed his course and once he received his certificates, immediately took his career in a new direction.

“I started looking for work straight away and couldn’t believe my luck when I got a job working alongside an older guy working as a ‘one man band’. He’s looking to retire in a few years and gradually, I’m gaining in experience and getting to know all the clients. It’s a dream come true.”



Anthony Reese

“It’s been a life changing experience for me.”

Working as a Chef, Anthony was used to long hours and a pressured environment. He decided to change career as he had heard there was a shortage of electricians and had had enough of working all hours for someone else.

“It was early starts, late finishes and often we were short staffed. It was my responsibility to get the food out so the pressure was really on. After a while you ask yourself ‘what’s it all for?’. I don’t mind working hard but when you get little thanks for it, over time you just get to the point where enough’s enough.”

The electrical training course provided Anthony with the chance he needed to get his life back on track. “I was a bit nervous about studying again after so long but the course was great. It’s not like being back at school, you always feel in control because you learn when you want, not when you’re told to. The big thing for me was the 3D training software, it made such a difference and saved me so much time. For me it was all about having the confidence to keep going and that’s where it helps, the feedback you get encourages you and you improve every time until you get it perfect.”

“Once I had my qualifications, I knew exactly what I wanted to do. I knew it’d be hard work but I was already used to that but now it was for my benefit not somebody else’s. I put in a lot of hours but I’m earning more than before. It’s been a life changing experience for me and I’d recommend it to anyone who wants to get on.”



Heather Rogers

“I wanted to achieve even more”

Heather is among a small but growing group of ‘lady plumbers’. She had a job as a school caterer but saw an opportunity to branch out into something more exciting.

“I’d read a couple of newspaper articles about women who had qualified as plumbers and who had built up a nice business doing work mostly for female clients. I thought if they could, so could I and decided to give it a go. I liked the course a lot and especially that I could practise on my own using the interactive program. It’s a clever way to gain skills and you know there’s no one to laugh at you if you get it wrong a few times.”

Heather went on and successfully completed her course getting the qualifications she needed to set up her own business. She had the first stage of her new career already well mapped out.

“I wanted to work with another plumber first to gain some more experience and at the same time I wanted to get the work experience that allowed me to go on and get my NVQ Level 3. I did that but I wanted to achieve even more.”

All went according to plan and Heather gained in confidence, experience and skill and now runs her own business, plumbing exclusively for ‘ladies’. Work has not been difficult to find and now she’s hoping to take on another lady plumber to take advantage of the upturn in the economy.



Michael Rutter

“The course gave me exactly what I wanted and I can earn up to £1000 per month doing jobs on the side...”

Michael works as an intensive care technician at a hospital in Manchester. It’s challenging and demanding work which he likes, so why train as an electrician?

“I wanted something as a back-up and an optional career for some point in the future or in case of redundancies and also to have the chance to earn some money as a second income.”

Michael has now achieved just that. He has the qualifications that enable him to work as a self-employed electrician and he now does work around his hospital duties.

“The course gave me exactly what I wanted and I can earn up to £1000 per month doing jobs on the side and I know I could make my living being a full time electrician if I had to.”



Roy Scotsdale

“The course gave me the qualifications and the skills I needed but more importantly the confidence to get out there and find work. I just wish I’d done it years ago.”

When Roy was made redundant from his factory production line job in Gateshead, he wasn’t affected as badly as some of his colleagues. Several months earlier he decided to retrain as an electrician by fitting the blended learning study programme around his existing job. It proved to be a wise decision.

“It was one of the most sensible decisions I’ve made. I found the course really interesting and much easier than I thought it was going to be.”

And when redundancy came unexpectedly, Roy wasn’t too concerned.

“I didn’t mind at all. I was a bit reluctant to go it alone whilst I still had a job but having been forced into the decision, I’ve got loads of work. The course gave me the qualifications and the skills I needed but more importantly the confidence to get out there and find work. I just wish I’d done it years ago.”



Keith Simon

“It was good to see a payback on my investment so quickly.”

Builder Keith wanted the electrical training course to be able to accept more electrical work and expand his business. He took to it like a duck to water and his investment has already paid off several times over as he is now taking on more and more electrical work.

“I’m getting more into the electrical side of things and this part of the business is growing. I’m starting a further course and once that’s done, I’m going to get into electrical work full time.”

Asked about his views on the course as a whole, Keith commented:

“Yes this was a good course the practicals were excellent and the theory was very helpful, the really clever part is the 3D software that tests your problem solving skills and lets you practise in a safe environment. The teachers were great too and so overall the course was top notch. It was good to see a payback on my investment so quickly.”



Graham Small

“I was made redundant but was able to secure new work.”

Attracted to plumbing partly by the shortage of properly qualified plumbers in his area and partly because he was looking for a change in direction and to be his own boss, former lorry driver Graham took the plunge and decided to enrol on a blended learning training course. This allowed him to work around work and family commitments whilst completing his studies. Nevertheless, it was quite a departure.

“I had no previous experience of plumbing apart from doing odd jobs around the house but I decided to give it my best shot.”

Having finished his training, the decision Graham made turned out to be a good one. He was made redundant during the course but now as a qualified plumber, he’s already applying his new skills in full time employment as a plumber.

“I was made redundant just before completing the course but was able to secure new work as soon as I finished. The wages were quite low to start with until I proved my worth but they soon improved. I used that time to gain the experience I needed to set up on my own – that was the target and now I’ve achieved it.”



Wayne Smith

“I used to look with envy on self-employed plumbers who seemed to be earning good money and thanks to this course I was able to get in on the action.”

Wayne was doing a mixture of part time cleaning jobs and occasional small plumbing work based on his own DIY experience. Aware that to do so lawfully, he would need appropriate qualifications he decided to enrol on a recognised training course and do the job properly.

“I’d always had an interest in plumbing and learned quite a lot from my father and by doing work in my own house. I enjoyed DIY so it seemed natural to try and earn a living by doing it.”

“The training was really cool. The tutors were all veteran trades people and they knew their stuff. I enjoyed working with the simulation software. It was easy to use, just like playing a games on my PC at home but at the same time it’s a big help to the training because you can practice what you’ve learned whenever you want.”

Now having qualified, Wayne is living the dream.

“Now I’m doing it full time. I used to look with envy on self-employed plumbers who seemed to be earning good money and thanks to this course I was able to get in on the action.”



Robert Mullins

“I’m earning much more than I did before.”

Before undertaking his course in plumbing, Robert worked as a welder for a ship building yard in Southampton. Fully qualified, in plumbing, he started his own business and is already earning approx. £160/day (about £40k p.a.) which is much more than he did as a welder. So, Robert’s investment in the blended learning course was well worth it.

“I’m earning much more than I did before. Would I recommend the course to others – Yes! I had no prior experience to it was a steep learning curve for me but the course, the tutors and the facilities were great.”

And what next for Robert?

“I’m going to do a gas fuels course which I need to find time to fit in around my busy business.”



Abdol Usman

“The course teaches you everything you need to know.”

Abdol was working in a hotel in West London when he decided to embark on a career in plumbing. He found the course met his every expectation and delivered exactly what he wanted.

“It was very interesting and helpful. The course teaches you everything you need to know and I would definitely recommend it. I didn’t really know what blended learning was until I tried it but the combination of manuals and the interactive software made it an enjoyable process. You really gain in confidence very quickly because you can apply what you’ve learned in the 3D house. I have to say that the teachers were really good too.”

Abdol is now self-employed and has used the course to start his own plumbing business which is going very well. He’s already earning much more than he was before and is looking to expand further by adding further skills to his repertoire.

Asked about his plans for the future he said; “I’m planning to do my gas training next year.” Very much a case of onwards and upwards.



David Riley

“I’m already earning money as a plumber and will go on to get my gas qualifications as soon as I can.”

“I was working as a groundsman on a self-employed basis but realised I wouldn’t be able to do it forever or make a real career out of it. It was definitely time to find something more sustainable.”

David realised that he needed to build solid foundations for a better future and decided to take up plumbing as a career. It was a complete change in direction and initially David found the theory side of the course quite hard but with the help of his tutors and steady determination he began to understand the subject better and better.

David really excelled when it came to the practical training and particularly enjoyed this element of the course.

“I thoroughly enjoyed the practical training and the opportunity to put what I’d learned into practice. What helped me was the simulation software because I could put the theory into practise and go over it again and again. It’s given me the knowledge and skills to really do the job properly.”

Now with his training successfully completed, David continues to work as a groundsman but only part time. He is also doing plumbing work and hopes to go full time with this as soon as he can build up his customer base. And the training isn’t going to stop there. With the confidence from gaining his plumbing certificates, David now wants to go on to become a gas engineer.

“I’m already earning good money as a plumber and will go on to get my gas qualifications as soon as I can.”



Martin Wilkinson

“I’m looking forward to building up a business as an electrician.”

HGV driver Martin decided pounding the streets in his HGV wasn’t the right direction for him or for his family.

“I was working all hours, often driving at night or leaving home very early to beat the traffic. It started to affect the time I could be with my family and I really started to resent being away from home so much.”

With a young family to support, giving up work to retrain wasn’t an option, so Martin enrolled on a blended learning programme to train as an electrician, even giving up his family holiday in order to pay for the training and to attend the practical training. But his hard work and dedication has paid off and he is now qualified – a great achievement.

Life really is improving now. I’m still doing some driving work on a self-employed basis but I’m working as an electrician as often as I can to gain experience. The money is much better and the way things are going I’m hoping to be full-time soon. I’m looking forward to building up a business as an electrician and may even look to take someone else on.”



Stephen Boccock

“I’ve got more work than I know what to do with. The course has set me up for life and I really enjoy the challenge of being my own boss.”

A former bus driver in Southampton, Stephen was already sure he wanted to become a qualified tradesman when he saw the chance to become a plumber. Using his existing job to fund the course, Stephen worked in his spare time to gain his qualifications.

As soon as he qualified, Stephen gave up his bus driving job, deciding that his future lay as his own boss, being a self-employed plumber. Whilst things began slowly, it didn’t take long for Stephen to build up a reputation and things soon became busy, with the business growing steadily.

The problem Stephen has now is coping with the work but he’s enjoying the challenge and loves the work. “It’s been really good. I’ve got orders to fit five bathrooms over the coming weeks – I’ve got more work than I know what to do with. The course has set me up for life and I really enjoy the challenge of being my own boss.”



Jonathan Booker

“I needed to earn extra money on the side and now I’m doing just that.”

Jonathan already ran his own small business as a driver and delivery service but found that he needed a way to supplement his earnings. He took up the opportunity to get a trade qualification and joined the plumbing course, fitting in his study at home and during quiet periods at work.

Jonathan enjoyed the course and progressed well through the theory and practical sessions, graduating successfully as a trained plumber. He was immediately able to begin doing remedial work and undertaking plumbing jobs for friends and family using this as good experience before venturing out on his own.

Jonathan now enjoys two incomes with plumbing starting to take over as his main money earner.

“I needed to make money on the side and now I’m doing just that. It was a fairly slow start but now I’m regularly earning £1200 - £1500 a month just from plumbing.”



William Burns

“I love the work and I feel I’m in control again. If work carries on like it is now, I’d reckon to make around £30k this year and now, at last, I feel I’m able to actually get on in life.”

Already used to running his own business as a driving instructor, William decided he could put his talents to greater use by training to become a fully qualified electrician.

“Running a business as a driving instructor was becoming more and more competitive with more and more people joining all the time. I needed to find an alternative and I knew there was a shortage of electricians. I knew if I qualified I’d have the option of employment or staying self-employed.”

William completed his course and is now a full-time self-employed electrician, gaining in experience and skill all the time.

“I love the work and I feel I’m in control again. If work carries on like it is now, I’d reckon to make around £30k this year and now, at last, I feel I’m able to actually get on in life. I’d recommend this course to anyone who’s looking for a change of direction.”

We wish William continued success in his new career as an electrician.



Nicholas Chase

“I’m so glad I persevered and completed the course, it’s made such a difference.”

Nicholas is a former lorry driver who came to a life changing decision.

“I became increasingly worried about the hours, the stress of meeting deadlines but most of all, the number of accidents I was seeing on the roads. With a young family, I just thought I needed to find an alternative that would pay as well as my driving job.”

Nicholas opted for a course in plumbing and managed to fit the course around his job but found it quite difficult at times.

“There were times I found it hard going, especially the electrical aspects of the training but with the help of the tutors I stuck at it. A big plus for me was the virtual reality software because that’s what kept my confidence up. I could actually see that I was improving and getting better. I’m so glad I persevered and completed the course, it’s made such a difference.”

Now a fully qualified plumber, Nicholas is working for himself using existing DIY skills and his new plumbing skills to earn a living doing plumbing and maintenance work.

“I’m my own boss now and that means I get to spend a little more time with my family. It was a big decision to go out on my own but I’m earning about £5k more than I used to in my old job. I’m really pleased.”



Ben Christian

“I’m working full time and loving every minute of it, would I recommend the course – absolutely!”

Ben felt he was under-achieving in his job as a factory worker on Merseyside.

“The work was really boring and the factory was noisy and not a nice environment, I used to wake up in the morning dreading going in.”

Ben decided he had to do something to change his life for the better and opted for an electrical training programme. Once qualified, he found employment with a small local firm and hasn’t looked back.

“I’m working full time and loving every minute of it. The course gave me the skills and the confidence to apply for a job straight away and I’m working alongside experienced electricians. It’s a great way to begin. Once I have enough experience I’ll consider going self-employed but for now I’m just loving the job. It’s great to wake up in the morning and look forward to going to work.



Gary Cordall

“I started working for myself as soon as I finished the course... It’s great for me, I’m earning about £2500 a month and I’m having to turn some jobs away.”

Gary had a good job as an aircraft engineer near Southampton but had to reconsider his options when the company went out of business. He opted for a career as a plumber but with the specific intention of working for himself.

“I didn’t want to go through the pain of maybe losing another job. I decided that I wasn’t going to work for someone else again if I could possibly help it.”

After gaining his qualifications, Gary didn’t waste any time in putting his newfound knowledge and skills to good use.

“I started working for myself as soon as I finished the course, and I’m glad I did. I had the confidence to apply my skills and I didn’t find it that hard to generate work. I think there is genuinely still a shortage of properly qualified plumbers in the area. It’s great for me, I’m earning about £2500 a month and I’m having to turn some jobs away.”



Phillip Cox

“Now I’ve got a real job.”

Phillip didn’t do brilliantly well at school and had a variety of jobs before he ended up working for a betting office in Dorset. He was astute enough to recognise that in terms of a career path, it wasn’t a brilliant long term solution.

“I knew I had to do something to change what I was doing, the work wasn’t much fun and there was just no future there anyway.”

Phillip studied hard and passed his plumbing course, managing to secure a full time job with a local plumbing company, working alongside experienced plumbers. “I enjoyed the training because it always meant reaching the next challenge and overcoming it. The simulation software is just brilliant because it helps to reinforce what you’ve learned at every stage. You put what you’ve learned into practise and then know how well you’ve met the challenge – it’s fantastic.”

“I definitely want to do more. The course gave me the confidence to apply my plumbing skills and get work as a plumber. Now I’ve got a real job and as I gain experience I’m going on to get more qualifications – I’d like to qualify as a gas engineer.”

We wish Phillip well.



Colin Druce

“I’m able to work whenever I choose.”

Colin’s is a quite unusual background as he is a professional musician. However, finding work wasn’t always easy as a session player and income was fairly sporadic.

“I needed to find something that would allow me still to play but where I could earn good money if I needed to.”

Colin completed the electrical training course and was able to apply his new skills straight away, getting jobs often in the studios he was working for as a musician and from his many contacts in the music industry.

Now Colin combines both of his passions and earns a good income from his ‘ancillary’ job as a qualified electrician.

“It really suits me and I’m able to work whenever I choose.” I still love playing music but I think it’s likely I’ll work full time as an electrician, I love the work and the money’s a lot better.”



Howard Dunn

“I’ll go self-employed just as soon as I can.”

Howard spent many years as a cleaning supervisor for an office cleaning company in Birmingham.

“The work’s not too bad but it means really early starts as we have to clean the offices and get out before the people arrive. My day often starts at 3:00 in the morning. I had free time in the afternoons and I wanted to put that to good use and earn extra cash.”

Howard decided to study to become an electrician, initially to make money on the side. He found the course easy to fit in around his work commitments and liked the mix of learning styles. I could pick up the books whenever I had free time and the tutors were always on hand if I needed help. I thought the 3D software was interesting and helped a lot. I spent ages just going through the scenarios and building up my knowledge each time.”

Howard continued to work in his cleaning job but started doing electrical work part-time to supplement his earnings and to gain more experience.

“I was surprised just how easy it was to earn money as an electrician. I’m just waiting to get a bit more experience but I know I want to do this full time – I’ll go self employed just as soon as I can.”



Richard Harrison

“I’m now running a successful business and looking to take on more people to cope with the work.”

All Richard wanted to do as a young man was become a train driver and that’s what he did. At first he liked the job but after a few years became frustrated at the lack of any real promotion prospects or of increasing his earnings substantially.

Recognising that qualified electricians were in short supply, he took up the electrical training course and found it easy to fit his study around his job.

“ The course was exactly what I needed and I picked up knowledge and skills quickly. I was working either ‘earlies’ or ‘lates’ and found I had spare time in the day for my course.

Once qualified, Richard a man of ambition and achievement, didn’t look back.

“I had the skills and the confidence to set out on my own as soon as I qualified and things worked out really well. I thought I’d find work easy to come by as I knew there weren’t enough local electricians and that’s how it was. I was soon working every hour I could to build up the business. There were a few tough days to begin with but I knew it would work out. I’m now running a successful business and looking to take on more people to cope with the work.”



Paul Hoare

“I’m working full time for an agency and earning great money.”

Paul’s former job was as a showroom manager but he wanted to find a new direction and one which would give him a lucrative career. He took the plumbing course with a view to gaining a ‘skill for life’ and setting up in business on his own account.

He enjoyed the course thoroughly and once he gained his certificates, he decided to register with a local agency. Now he has as much work as he can handle, is gaining a great deal of experience and is doing very well.

“I’m working full time for an agency and earning great money. I’m going to stay with this for the short-term but once I’ve got enough money behind me, I’m setting up on my own.”



James Hudson

“I was able to secure employment as a direct result of doing the course.”

James was used to working with his hands and was well practiced in manual skills in his job as a fitter for a caravan assembly company. Not content with being a ‘general fitter’ though, he wanted to train up to have a specific trade and become a qualified professional.

“I was fed up with my existing job and wanted to find something that offered a greater challenge and potentially, more money. I thought getting a recognised trade was the right way to go. I was a bit nervous about how I’d get on with studying again but it worked out fine. The tutors were helpful and the course materials were logical and well layed out. I’d never worked with simulation software before so that was very interesting – it was good fun but very helpful too.”

James duly qualified and gained early experience doing all the jobs he wanted to in his own home, without having to pay a plumber to do them.

“It was good early experience and it gave me the confidence with my certification to approach plumbers for work. A small local business offered me a job straight away based on my qualifications and I didn’t hesitate to join them. I can honestly say I was able to secure employment as a direct result of doing the course.”



Jerry Jermyn

“I took the course with the intention of being able to earn more money, and it worked.”

Jeremy was already blessed with good manual skills and worked as a general handyman doing property maintenance and gardening work. He had an established client base but recognised he was missing out on opportunities. He was always being asked to do plumbing work and had to say no as he wasn't qualified. He could see earning opportunities going to qualified tradesmen and decided that he had to join them.

“It was really frustrating to see my clients paying away good money to tradesmen and I decided I had to do something.” I took the course with the intention of being able to earn more money and it worked.”

Jerry qualified as a plumber around his existing job and then was able to make the most of his new skills.

“I was able to show I had the qualifications to do the work and there was no shortage of opportunity. I already had the client base and then I had the skills to accept the jobs they had. It made a big difference and I it wasn't long before I was installing bathrooms. Getting qualified effectively doubled my earning potential overnight.”



Lawrence Jones

“It was really enjoyable and provided the start I needed.”

“I was working in the retail industry, it was ok but I didn't feel that it was the right direction for me for the long-term”, so said Lawrence when he first joined the course.

Now successfully established in his own business as a domestic electrical installer, Lawrence can look back and reflect about the course and the changes it allowed him to make in his life.

“It was really enjoyable and provided the start I needed. I think the thing that gave me most confidence whilst I was training was the 3D virtual reality system. It allowed me to constantly test my knowledge and skills in real situations. There's no substitute for that when it comes to solving problems.”

As soon as I qualified, I started working part-time alongside my existing job. Very quickly I realised I had the skills and the confidence to go on my own. I gave up my 'day job' and concentrated full time on electrical installation. It proved to be the right decision and quite quickly, I managed to build up my own clientele and got a lot of new business by word of mouth. I was taking a lot of sub-contract work too.”

“I just wish I had taken the opportunity a lot sooner.”



Alex Leigh

“I know I wouldn't be where I am today without this course.”

Alex had a good job as a mechanical engineer which paid reasonably well but didn't give him the job satisfaction he was looking for. He decided to retrain as an electrician to give himself more career options and the ability to earn more money on the side if he should need to.

Alex took to the training like a duck to water and decided as soon as he qualified that his future lay with electrical installation.

“I knew it was what I wanted to do and I was really lucky that a friend of mine offered me a job in his company as soon as I qualified. Unfortunately, he decided to pack it in but the time we spent together gave me the experience and confidence I needed to set myself up on my own. Since then it's been an amazing journey and the business is doing well and I'm still loving the work. I know I wouldn't be where I am today without this course.”



Gavin Lewis

“The course has made a huge difference to my ability to look after my family.”

Gavin was working for a fruit machine manufacturer when he decided he'd rather be earning a living as an electrician. He joined the course and was able to successfully combine his studies whilst holding down his job at the factory.

Now fully qualified he is self-employed and enjoying life much more.

“I'm able to earn almost twice as much as I did in my previous job and the work is much more interesting. The course has made a huge difference to my ability to look after my family and I don't feel as though I'm worrying about money all the time. There's so much variety in what I do now, I feel as though I've really found my niche. I'd like to say thanks to all the tutors and practical trainers who got me through.”



Mark Lupetti

“I knew I could do the job, I just didn’t have the qualifications to prove it – but now I have. I’m finally able to earn what I’m worth. I’m working on my own but I never take home less than £500 week and on a good week I can sometimes double that.”

Mark joined the plumbing course with a degree of natural ability as he had already been working as a fitter for a plumbing company for two years. In many ways his experience was topsy-turvy in that he had a good deal of experience but did not have the qualifications or requisite certifications to allow him to work legitimately.

Wisely, he decided to ‘formalise’ his knowledge and took the plumbing course to become fully qualified. Not surprisingly he sailed through the course and qualified with no difficulty at all.

“I knew I could do the job, I just didn’t have the qualifications to prove it – but now I have.”

Equipped with his experience gained before the course and post qualification, Mark didn’t hesitate to set up his own business and he’s now doing well.

“I’m finally able to earn what I’m worth. I’m working on my own but I never take home less than £500 week and on a good week I can sometimes double that.”



Simon Maycroft

“I was simply keen to take advantage of the shortage of electricians in our local area.”

Simon’s story is somewhat unusual in our experience but he joined the electrical training course as a ‘man with a mission’. Already with a good job as an admin manager for a large insurance company, Simon was doing reasonably well for himself. Simon though has something of an entrepreneurial eye and he recognised there was a shortage of electrical installation companies in his local area and so decided he would start one of his own.

In order to do this though, he knew he had to know as much about electrics as the people that he wanted to employ, so he signed up for the course and dedicated himself to gaining a recognised electrical qualification. This he did and once he had obtained it, he lost no time in recruiting other electricians to join him.

Simon still has his admin job but also runs a successful electrical contracting business as well. It’s a remarkable story and the business will earn well into 6 figures this year. Simon is still admirably humble about his success, commenting:

“I was simply keen to take advantage of the shortage of electricians in our local area.”



Trevor McAllister

“I had confidence in my own abilities and so decided to start my own business.”

Trevor was working near Gosport as a screen printer and part-time graphic designer but was finding the work wasn’t as financially rewarding as he’d hoped.

“There was a very limited ability to earn good money, there were simply too many other print companies around and everyone was cutting margins just to try and survive. I didn’t think the prospects for the industry were likely to improve – certainly not in my area, so I decided to look for something different.”

“I’ve always been good with my hands and I considered myself reasonably bright so I thought I’d go for an electrician’s course. It turned out to be a good decision. The training course was well structured and manageable by working in my spare time and at weekends. The 3D-VR software really helps to reinforce all the theory by putting you through real-life problems. It was a great help to me.”

Trevor passed the course and didn’t lose any time in gaining experience. “I worked with a small local firm for a year which was great for giving me an understanding of how the business side of things worked. I had confidence in my own abilities and so decided to start my own business and now it’s doing well.”

The business will turn over something like £70k this year and that leaves enough for me to earn a decent living and still leave money for expansion. In retrospect, I’m really pleased with the course and the outcome.”



Stephen McLaughlin

“I was finally able to work for myself and I loved both the work and the challenge.”

Stephen went straight from school into a welding job. It paid reasonably well as there was plenty of overtime but the job proved to be repetitive and as a result after a few years Stephen decided he’d had enough. He decided to retrain as a plumber and now that he is fully qualified life is a lot more interesting.

Stephen’s first thought was to go it alone on a self-employed basis but after due consideration, he decided to opt for employment and what he believed to be a ‘safer bet’. He spent the next two years gaining experience in a local company that gave him the opportunity to practice his skills together with doing some general maintenance work.

It was the plumbing side of things that held the greater appeal though and so Stephen finally left to set up on his own.

“I was finally able to work for myself and I loved both the work and the challenge. I didn’t have too much trouble generating work as there was a shortage of plumbers anyway and I had good contacts from my time as a plumbers mate. I’m able to make a good living doing what I like and I’m my own boss. This course has helped me in so many ways.”

Name	Before	Now	Outcome	Earnings if stated
Rob Thorne	Aviation engineer	Plumber	Runs own business	£75k+
Mark Allison	Labourer	Plumber	In Partnership	£60k+
Gareth Allen	Roofing contractor	Plumber	Employed	£35k
Carl Thompson	Office worker	Plumber	Self employed	£30k in first year
Paul Chipps	Double glazing	Plumber	Employed	£26k
Stuart Barrow	Franchisee	Plumber	Employed	£30k plus £500/week for private work
Andrew Angus	Army engineer	Plumber	Self employed	£24k
Martin Venner	Bakery manager	Plumber	Self employed	£25k
Julie Naylor	Nurse	Nurse & Plumber (p/t)	Emp & S-employed	extra £800/month
Byron Thwaites	Fork lift driver	Plumber	Self employed	doubled previous salary
Rodney Bowey	Injection moulding	Plumber	Self employed	more than before
Ivor Brownhill	Machinist	Plumber	Self employed	T.B.A.
Neil Buxton	Labourer	Plumber	Self employed	£40k+
Able Chibalabala	Electrician (o/seas)	Electrician	Self employed	T.B.A.
Lance Connors	Car mechanic	Electrician	Self employed	T.B.A.
Michael Day	Engineer	Plumber	Self employed	£50k+
Andrew Edkins	Security Guard	Plumber	Employed	T.B.A.
Andrew Edwards	Gardner	Gardner & Plumber	Self employed	extra £1000/month
Roy Fielding	Delivery driver	Plumber	Self employed	more than before
Stuart Gadsby	Warehouse	Electrician	Employed	T.B.A.
Mick Gomm	Production manager	Plumber	Self employed	T.B.A.
Paul Harman	Ticket inspector	Plumber	Self employed	T.B.A.
Nigel Harris	Delivery driver	Driver & electrician (p/t)	Self employed	earning decent money
Adam James	Factory worker	Plumber	Employed	T.B.A.
Stephen Lang	Hospital worker	Electrician	Employed	the money is good
Eraldo Marques	Music teacher	Electrician	Self employed	more than before
Dean McAllister	Warehouse	Plumber	Self employed	more than before
Dominic Mould	Builder	Plumber	Self employed	more than before
Roger Pleasants	Retail manager	Electrician	Employed	T.B.A.
Anthony Reese	Chef	Electrician	Self employed	more than before

Name	Before	Now	Outcome	Earnings if stated
Heather Rogers	School catering	Plumber	Self employed	T.B.A.
Michael Rutter	Intensive care technician	ICT and electrician (p/t)	Self employed	extra £1000/month
Roy Scotsdale	Redundant factory worker	Plumber	Self employed	T.B.A.
Keith Simon	Builder	Electrician	Self employed	more than before
Graham Small	Redundant lorry driver	Plumber	Self employed	T.B.A.
Wayne Smith	Cleaner	Plumber	Self employed	earning good money
Robert Mullins	Welder	Plumber	Self employed	£40k+
Abdol Usman	Hotel worker	Plumber	Self employed	more than before
David Riley	Groundsman	Plumber	Self employed	earning good money
Martin Wilkinson	Lorry driver	Driver & electrician (p/t)	Self employed	more than before
Stephen Boccock	Bus driver	Plumber	Self employed	earning good money
Jonathan Booker	Delivery driver	Driver & plumber (p/t)	Self employed	extra £1200 - £1500 month
William Burns	Driving instructor	Electrician	Self employed	£30k+
Nicholas Chase	Lorry driver	Plumber	Self employed	£5k more than the old job
Ben Christian	Factory worker	Electrician	Employed	T.B.A.
Gary Cordall	Aviation engineer	Plumber	Self employed	approx. £2500/month
Phillip Cox	Betting office	Plumber	Employed	T.B.A.
Colin Druce	Musician	Musician & Electrician (p/t)	Self employed	earning a good income
Howard Dunn	Cleaning supervisor	Supervisor and electrician (p/t)	Emp & S ² employed	more than before
Richard Harrison	Train driver	Electrician	Self employed	Successful
Paul Hoare	Showroom manager	Plumber	Self employed	earning great money
James Hudson	Caravan fitter	Plumber	Employed	T.B.A.
Jerry Jermyn	Handyman	Plumber	Self employed	doubled previous salary
Lawrence Jones	Retailing	Electrician	Self employed	T.B.A.
Alex Leigh	Car Mechanic	Electrician	Self employed	business is doing well
Gavin Lewis	fruit machine manufacture	Electrician	Employed	doubled previous salary
Mark Lupetti	Fitter	Plumber	Self employed	£500 - £1000 per week
Simon Maycroft	Admin manager	Electrician	Self employed	Into 6 figures
Trevor McAllister	Screen printer	Electrician	Self employed	£70k
Stephen McLaughlin	Welder	Plumber	Self employed	making a good living

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