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## Case study: Childcare Works Project - Trainee Nursery Assistant Experience

Jack participated in NDNA Cymru's 16-week Childcare Works programme that was delivered in Conwy from October 2025 to February 2026.

The programme was funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and supported 11 participants from Conwy.

The trainees completed 4 weeks of training, followed by 12 weeks on placement in a childcare setting.

Jack completed his placement at Derwen Deg in Llandudno and this case study shares his journey and experience of participating in the programme.



I began the Childcare Works Project in October 2025, looking for the right opportunity to get into childcare.

The four weeks of training were really enjoyable and provided fundamental knowledge for working in Early Years. After training, I began my placement at Derwen Deg. The staff were all lovely and the management were excellent – they really encouraged me to develop my skills, including when I ran a woodwork session with the children.

I wasn't sure whether my Welsh language skills would be adequate, but I got on really well working in Welsh. This was a great opportunity to experience working with younger children, especially the babies, as I'd only worked with 2.5-4 year olds before, when volunteering. It was lovely to get to know the children and make connections with them.

Although I'm not ready to take on a permanent job just yet, this placement has given me the confidence to plan for a new career in childcare when I'm ready. I'm very grateful for the support I received at Derwen Deg and from NDNA.



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### Feedback from Derwen Deg:

The Childcare Works Project has provided Jack with a supportive and nurturing environment where he has been able to develop at his own pace. During his time in the setting, he has shown positive progress, particularly in building his confidence. He is becoming more comfortable engaging in activities and interacting with both adults and his peers. Communication between the setting and Lesley has been consistently positive, with regular updates and an open, professional approach that has helped to build a strong partnership. Overall, the project has had a very beneficial impact on Jack's development, especially in supporting his confidence and maintaining effective communication with Lesley.

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