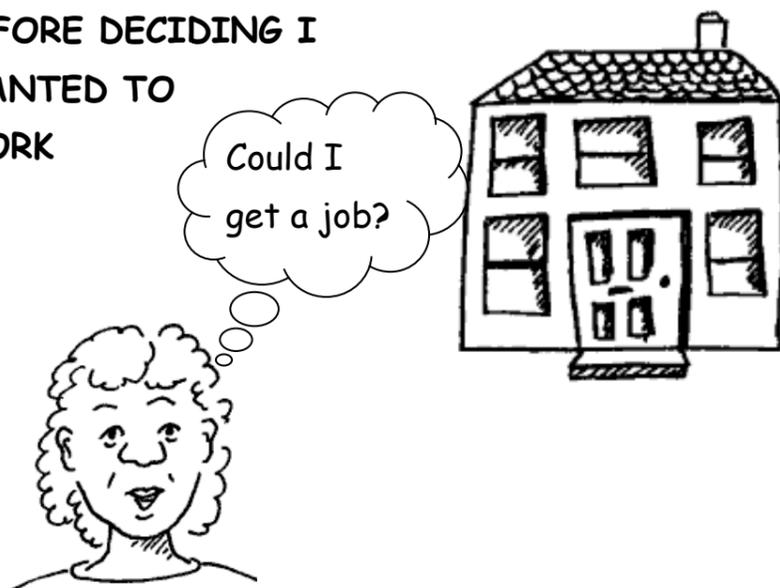


# ACCESS TO WORK—A PERSONAL STORY BY AMANDA

1. THIS IS ME AT HOME BEFORE DECIDING I WANTED TO WORK



2. I DECIDED TO GET MORE TRAINING AT COLLEGE TO BE ABLE TO WORK



3. ONCE I HAD LEFT MY TRAINING I WANTED TO FIND A SUITABLE JOB THAT I COULD DO SO I VISITED MY LOCAL JOB CENTRE PLUS

At the Job Centre I saw someone who works there to help me find a job. This person is called a Disability Employment Advisor. Here I found a job as Training Officer at Lothian Centre for Inclusive Living.



4. I WAS INVITED FOR AN INTERVIEW!

After the job interview LCiL called me to say that I'd got the job. At this point I said to them that I would need support at work and I showed the letter Access to Work provide on how they can help disabled people at work.

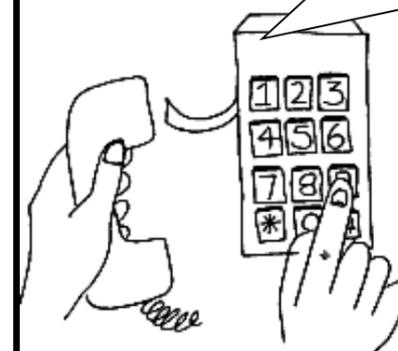
Here's me going for my interview with LCiL!



5 STARTED MY ACCESS TO WORK APPLICATION

On the same day I was excited. I telephone the Access to Work office based in Glasgow - 0141 950 5327 and told them that I had been offered a job but I needed help to do my job.

Hello Access to Work - I've been offered a job, how can you help?



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## 6. WHAT ACCESS TO WORK PROVIDES ME WITH:

After talking to the Access to Work person on the phone and explaining to them what I would have to do in my new job, they said they would give me money to get these things:

1. A taxi to work and back home everyday



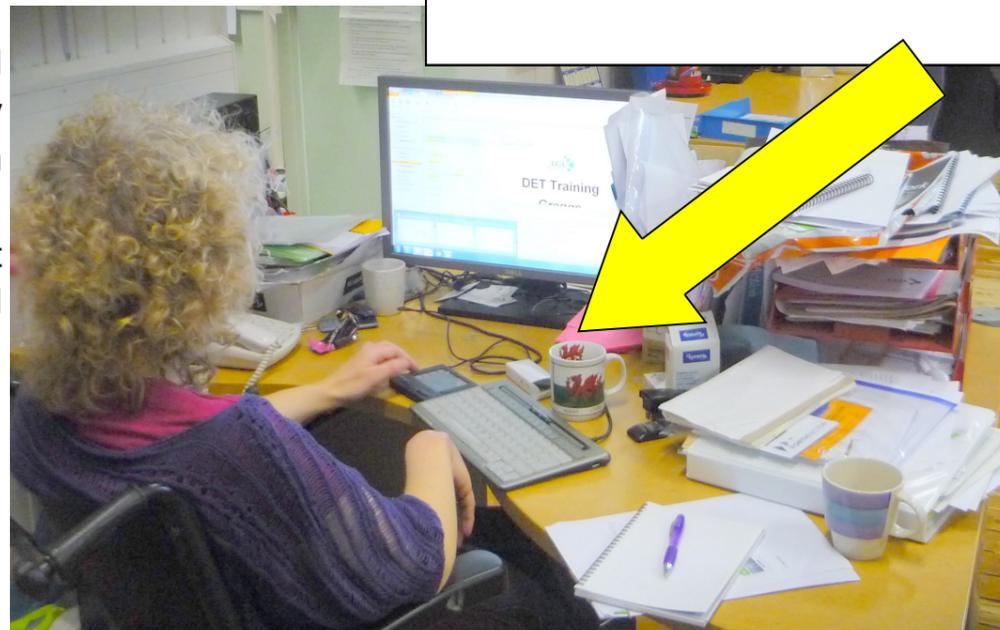
Hi I'm Jim,  
Amanda's  
support worker

2. A support worker to help with some of the things that I need help with at work e.g. filling, photocopying

3. Travel in work—this helps me to pay for the extra cost of having to have taxis when I need to go to meetings for work



4. Equipment at work, such as a special type of keyboard and mouse for my computer and a bigger monitors so I can see better when I'm wriing on my computer. Access to Work paid some money so that my employer could buy the equipment I need.



This is my desk with accessible equipment to help me do my job

## 7. HOW IT WORKS ON AN ONGOING BASIS:

Each week I get my Line Manager to sign a form to authorise payments from Access to Work. These go back to the Access to Work office in Glasgow, then they process the payments. Piece of cake!

Now I'm telling others about Access to Work



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