

Swimming Teacher Development Programme



Case Study: Nicole Brammer

The Swimming Teacher Development Programme targets young people from hard-to-reach, vulnerable, BAME and disadvantaged groups to enable a career in swimming by providing access to nationally recognised qualifications (Swim England Level 1 Swimming Assistant and Swim England Level 2 Swimming Teacher).

Why did you want to be part of the Swimming Trust project in Tameside?

I was a stay at home Mum, to Kian 8 and Olivia 4 and whilst taking my son Kian to swimming lessons at Active Copley I had often thought that teaching swimming maybe something I would enjoy. I swam as a child and became a member of the Denton Dolphins - as I became an adult my love of swimming never diminished and to do it as a career was something that really appealed to me.

Do you think the funding (and attending the course) will have an effect on your future career prospects and in what way?

Yes definitely – after completing my Level 2 certificate. I registered with Active Tameside as a casual swimming teacher. After working for a few months on a casual basis gaining valuable experience. I applied for a position at Active Medlock which I was successful in gaining and I am currently employed on a 22 hours per week contract.

What were the most positive aspects of the project – what did you find most beneficial / enjoyable about it?

It has been great working with the schools and watching the kids progress from week to week – for some it was their first time in the pool and it was very satisfying to see their confidence levels grow. I have gained experience in lots of different areas of swimming and I am currently teaching the Learn to swim framework, school lessons and even a couple of 1-2-1 lessons.

What are the main benefits of the funding to you as an individual?

The funding was a massive help, the cost of completing the Level 1 and Level 2 training just would not have been possible with a young family. It has meant I can build a career that fits with my family commitments.

Please describe your experience on the course in one sentence

'The course has taken my career in a positive new direction and I am very thankful I applied and was accepted'. – Nicole Brammer