## JAEDON'S STORY



Given a difficult start in life and his twenties soon approaching, 17 year old Jaedon found himself stuck on which path to take and the next steps.

After a difficult start in life, Jaedon was reaching the end of his teenage years, with very little motivation to take the next steps towards his promising future. Due to his hard work during his time on The Prince's Trust Team Programme, Jaedon is now taking those necessary next steps and looking to get his CSCS card and find employment in construction.

From a young age, Jaedon experienced bullying while at school, putting a halt to his personal development and life journey. Jaedon's difficult childhood and the bullying he experienced were both contributing factors to the mental health conditions he is now experiencing.

After leaving school with no qualifications, Jaedon found the idea of finding employment, with no experience and reentering education daunting. In 2022, he began getting support and guidance on his mental health through Futures, an organisation that aims to unlock potential in people of all ages. He was told about The Prince's Trust and the Team Programme they run and decided to give it a chance.

To read more stories like Jaedon's, visit: https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/about-the-trust/success-stories

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On the first day of the course, Jaedon went home after feeling too anxious and overwhelmed at the idea of meeting new people and starting something new but decided to give it another chance.

Whilst on team, Jaedon spoke to his team leaders about his experience being colourblind and his plans to start an online art organisation to help others like him.

I want to show others like me that being colourblind doesn't stop you from doing the things you want to achieve. I love drawing and I've never let it stop me.

After a quiet and shy start on team, Jaedon soon made friends after team building activities and even faced his fear of public speaking at his final graduation.

Jaedon recently went on his first family day out, his anxiety and the sizeable crowds being a barrier in the past.

"We saw huge changes in all of the young people but we saw the biggest change in Jaedon. It gets us quite emotional when we think back to how he was at the start of team and where he's at now. He's very inspirational." - Jaedon's Team Leaders.

Before team, life meant nothing to me. I felt like I didn't have a purpose.

Contact Jaye on 07932649756 to join the next team programme.



