

Ellie's Journey

Building a Life



Hands Up – Who's Worried About The Future

- ◆ A cliff edge post-16 ?
- ◆ Nothing to do in the days he's / she's not at college ?
- ◆ Nothing to put in her / his CV ?
- ◆ Is employment ever going to be a reality ?
- ◆ All the transition stuff ?
- ◆ No-one to help you ?



Ellie Wants to be...

Casualty

MasterChef

Rock of Ages

Bake Off

Strictly

Kinky Boots

Glee

Wild Rose

Super Vet

Ugly Betty

Dreams ?



Helping Ellie to Achieve Her Dream

SHE NEEDS:

- ◆ Qualifications / Knowledge - college
- ◆ Lots of Work Experience
- ◆ Capability / Skills
- ◆ Right Attitude
- ◆ Finding the right “employers”
- ◆ Encouragement and the right support
- ◆ Not setting anyone up to fail





Qualifications

- ◆ Certificates galore !! Including:-
- ◆ 6 Entry Level qualifications
- ◆ 2 & 3 Independent Living Skills
- ◆ 3 Diploma Skills for Living & Work
- ◆ 2 & 3 Animal Care
- ◆ Level 1 Maths
- ◆ RDA Level 3 Riding & Horse Care

Getting Started - Volunteering



- ◆ Finding somewhere safe & empathic Links Café
- ◆ Mucking in with Mum Kids Fest
- ◆ Play to your interests with Dad RSPCA
- ◆ National Citizenship Scheme Fund raising for "MIND"
- ◆ Refreshment Buddy Shropshire Disability Network
- ◆ Set-up & Stewarding Day PACC Sports
- ◆ Help on stalls & with animal care Friends of Severndale

College Girl

- ◆ YEAR 1
- ◆ No taxi – Travel Training / Enable
- ◆ NSC Fashion Show

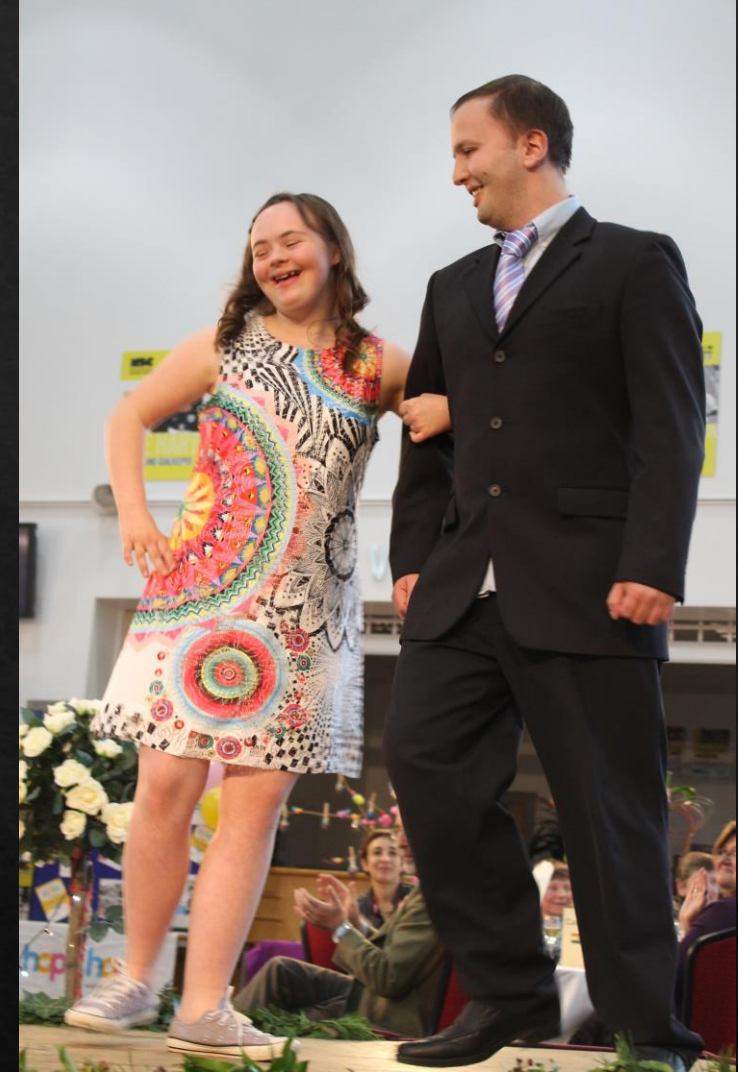
College work experience

Chirk Castle

University College Shrewsbury

Volunteering

Café Connect



College Girl

YEARS 2 & 3

College Work Experience

- ◆ NSC stables
- ◆ Briarfields Care Home
- ◆ Co-op Wem

Volunteering

- ◆ Turtle Doves
- ◆ Palmers Café
- ◆ Theatre Severn
- ◆ Received NSC Community Services Award



Building Skills for Work

YEAR 4

- ◆ City & Guilds Diploma in Catering
- ◆ Duke of Edinburgh award
- ◆ Travel Training – Again

Volunteering

- ◆ Palmers
- ◆ OSNOSH
- ◆ Wem Town Hall





Next Steps ?

- ◆ City & Guilds Diploma – Front-of-House
- ◆ Supported Internship
- ◆ More work experience
- ◆ Paid work ?
- ◆ And everything else – social life, home and life-long interests

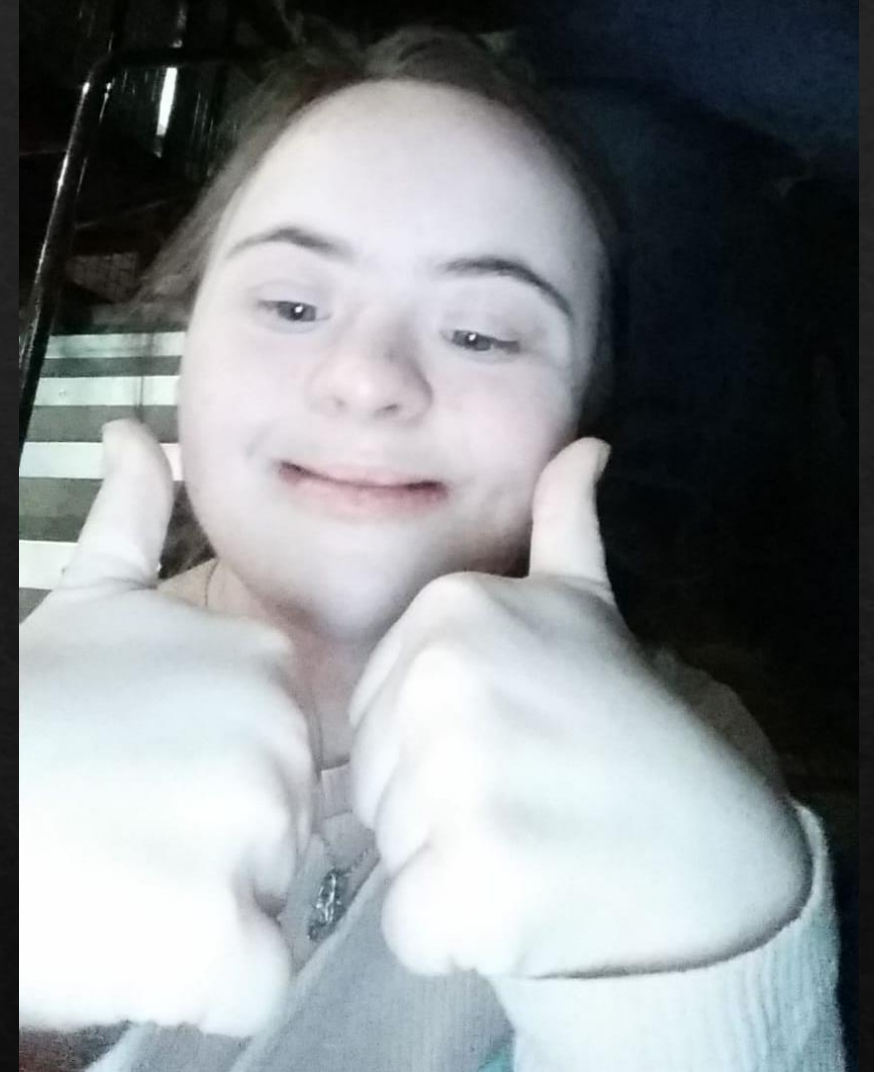
Top Tips – Don't Isolate Yourself

- ◆ Be a team – family and friends
- ◆ Work with committed professionals
- ◆ Be inspired by others
- ◆ Always find time to look ahead
- ◆ Network, network, network.....
- ◆ Do the best you can and, IF YOU CAN, have fun



5 Years Later Ellie CAN.....

- ◆ Use buses
- ◆ Use technology to help herself – her phone, Alexa, computer
- ◆ Cook a variety of meals
- ◆ Wash & iron her uniform
- ◆ Make her own lunches
- ◆ “and lots of other stuff”



Ellie.....
Will Not Have a Life
Without Purpose

never give up trying.....

