

BASE Award for Great Western Hospital, Swindon

Carillion Health Celebrates Success with another Award Win in September 2013

Congratulations to Daniel Bell at the Great Western Hospital in Swindon (UK), who picked up the British Association for Supported Employment (BASE) Outstanding Practice (Employer Support) Award at the annual awards ceremony in Bristol.



Daniel Bell, Finance Manager at the Great Western, Swindon, with Paul Wilson, Chair of BASE

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This award recognises the great partnership fostered by the SEQOL Energy2Work team in their work with employers, enabling them to support local people with work placements and to offer recruitment opportunities.

SEQOL is one of Carillion's clients, where it looks after the FM services at the Swindon Intermediate Care Centre. Daniel got involved with the Energy2Work team through a pilot scheme at the Care Centre, through which Carillion was looking to give work placement opportunities for those with learning or physical disabilities.

Immediately, Daniel wanted to offer the group more help, so he signed up to host training sessions, teaching soft skills. These sessions explained what employers expect from their people, how to complete application forms, supported with mock interviews and gave one-to-one time to those who had speech impediments. To give the Energy2Work trainees as much experience as possible, Daniel worked with the team to open up Food and Hygiene training courses, via which a number on their work placements have already been awarded with their certificates.

For the second year, Daniel and Carillion's team in Swindon also got involved in the Skills Factory programme. The Skills Factory programme finds work placements for students who attend a specialist local Asperger Syndrome college and last year, Carillion Services hosted three such placements.

The BASE Chief Executive congratulated Daniel on his achievement, especially as Daniel's nomination was particularly rare: the other nominations were supported employment practitioners for their backing of employers, rather than employers nominated for their support of a service.