

**Connor Malone, City of York Council  
Advanced Business Administration Apprenticeship**

Training Provider: York College

I'm from a forces family and attended multiple schools across Europe. I learnt quickly to adapt to change which is a good skill to have. After finishing college I decided to progress further and went to university. In my second year however, I realised that it wasn't what I was looking for. I had met my partner who was living in York, so made the decision to leave university and start looking for apprenticeships in the city.



I registered for alerts on the Find An Apprenticeship website and was successful at interview for my current role in December 2019.

Prior to this role, I didn't have much experience of working in an office, so it's helping me develop my understanding of the office environment and how the public sector works. My role focusses on supporting the team with a range of activities including general administration, arranging and attending meetings, taking minutes and auditing the programme management framework. This is alongside completing my college apprenticeship work.

Since starting my apprenticeship I've developed in confidence and fully integrated into the team, despite the unusual circumstances of 2020 and the Covid-19 pandemic.

My advice to anyone unsure of what to do next would be never overlook opportunities in different fields. I had predominantly applied for technical apprenticeships, however by trying something different; it could be the making of you.

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