

Jordan

Supporting At-Risk Youths Through Sport

Jordan is a shining example of a young person who has gone from homelessness to establishing the beginnings of a blossoming career in sports coaching. All this came about through becoming involved in a local activity project funded by Active Norfolk.

When Jordan first went along to a free local multisport activity session, funded by Active Norfolk projects Sportivate and Satellite Clubs, he was going through a rough time in his life. Jordan was homeless, suffering with a gambling addiction and had recently received a criminal conviction following a court appearance. These circumstances restricted him from seeing his little girl.

The project he attended was coordinated through Active Norfolk's strong relationships with local partners. In this case these included Premier Sport, an award-winning local sports coaching organization, and The Anchorage Trust, a Norfolk charity supporting homeless young people to make positive changes which will have a lasting impact on their lives.

For Jordan, the positive encouragement he received at the sessions was enough for him to make the decision to make a significant change in his life. He soon enrolled himself in the Sportivate course. Jordan turned up each week and threw himself into all sports offered to him at the sessions. Through this programme he has found his love for sport and wants to use this as a career path. Following the completion of the Sportivate Course Jordan has been carrying out some work experience within Premier Sport. This has inspired him to become a coach in the near future.

