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AGE: 29

JOB TITLE: EMPLOYMENT FACILITATOR

BUSINESS: ACTION FOR CHILDREN



## MARK HAMILTON

### WHAT DID YOU WANT TO DO WHEN YOU LEFT SCHOOL?

From an early age, I was never sure what I wanted to do after school. While at secondary school, I didn't always have a lot of guidance and encouragement, but decided to apply for university nonetheless. I was hesitant at first and unsure whether it was the best decision for me, but I decided to go for it anyway despite my own reservations.

### WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER SCHOOL AND WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

I ended up moving into halls and studying a degree in English Literature and History at the University of Stirling. My first proper work-experience was working alongside the literary editor at the Herald newspaper doing a bit of everything.

### HAVE YOU CHANGED JOBS OFTEN?

I've had several jobs throughout my working life so far: sales-assistant at a soap shop; cinema usher; marketing executive; council worker and educational support worker, to name but a few. Each has allowed me to gain that little bit more experience and awareness of how the working world actually works.

### HOW DID YOU GET INTO YOUR CURRENT ROLE?

After a stint working in education with young people, I began working in the third-sector with a learning disability charity, assisting those furthest removed into the job-market and further education. As a result I now work with the charity, Action for Children. The biggest appeal of my current role is that I can help other young people achieve their ambitions for the future.

### DO YOU HAVE A MESSAGE TO PUPILS RECEIVING THEIR EXAM RESULTS TODAY?

Remember that the qualifications you gain now and the past experiences you had at school won't necessarily shape the person you can become. And take every opportunity presented to you, regardless of how daunting it may seem at first. You never know, it may be the best decision you ever make.

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