

In her own words, read how Georgia is determined to look after her daughter AND follow the career path she always wanted to do

At 16 I left school with the dream of becoming a midwife, I had just enrolled in college and got my first ever job. While all this were going on I had problems with my health and were told I couldn't have children and needed an ultrasound to confirm this. I had only been at college a week and I was starting my job the day after my scan.

When I went for the ultrasound they gave me life changing news that not only could I have children but I were in fact carrying a child. I just didn't know what to do, I thought my life was over. My partner, the father of my daughter, was in Afghanistan serving our country and I lived with my grandparents, I felt so alone.

In the end I had to quit college so I could keep my job, that's when I knew my dreams of being a midwife were completely over. When I had to leave work to have my daughter it wasn't possible for me to have maternity leave so that was it, I knew I would have to be benefits and that's how I would have to raise my baby, but it wasn't the life I wanted.

After I had my daughter, Lucy, I kept myself to myself and never left the house unless I needed to go to the shop, I lost contact with all of my friends and the only people I had were my family and partner, until one day I had a message on Facebook. The message were off a lady called Melissa from CKCareers about a course called Parents With Prospects. At that moment I had no self esteem, no confidence and unbelievably shy so I felt reluctant to reply but when I did Melissa asked if it would be possible to do a home visit to tell me the in's and out's about the course, so I agreed.

When Melissa came to my house she was such a lovely lady and easy to get along with, I told her my dreams, which had changed due to me thinking midwifery were out of my reach, so I decided I wanted to do painting and decorating.

After speaking to Melissa about the course and everything else I were still undecided whether I would be able to stick the course out.

The first day of the course I arrived with 6 other girl and our tutor Vicky, it was so easy to get on and be confident because no one could judge each other as we were all in the same boat.

As the course went on I grew more confident, not just in myself but also as a mom I learnt so much about being a parent and it made my bond with my daughter stronger.

During the course Melissa stayed in touch with us all and helped us to progress with our futures, with being on the course my dreams of becoming a midwife seemed possible again and Melissa helped make it happen.

I am now on a course which is "working with adults with disabilities and dementia" and I also have an interview for an access course in health profession with looking at university next year. Not only that it has given my daughter the opportunity of nursery and she has also built confidence and she has developed so much.

I only have Melissa and the parents with prospects course to thank as with out them I wouldn't be where I am today and I've made some great friendships along the way. I would recommend this course to any young mom that has lost hope and doesn't know which road to take as it brings so much opportunity.

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