

The Housing Connection

JONO, ENISA AND DEBBIE STORY – Transcript

Enisa is THC's Social Educator who works with Jono, Debbie is Jono's mum.

JONO speaking

My name is Jono and I am 33.

Q. How did you find out about The Housing Connection

DEBBIE speaking ...

Well it was many years ago through some friends of ours that did some volunteer work (with THC) and they handed me a number and said well maybe one day The Housing Connection might be able to help you. I stuck it in my desk and every couple of years I'd get it out and say No I'm not ready, we're not ready. Then one day I got it out again and I went down and visited Anne Louise a couple of times over a period of 2 or 3 years. I chatted to her and got a bit of a feel for what actually was out there. You know - I had no idea where to start.

Q. What's it like working with Jono?

ENISA speaking

Honestly I always look forward to it because he's always a laugh Jono, he is the just funniest person to spend time with. Really you know we always try new things, like I'd never ever seen an ice hockey game in my life until Jono told me that he enjoyed so I went to one.

Q How does The Housing Connection help you?

JONO speaking

Helping with shopping and things, and budgets as well.

Q What were your hopes for Jono?

DEBBIE speaking ...

I guess for him to live independently, but most importantly happily. And for him to get on and have his own life. But not only his own life in his apartment but also outside of his apartment, and for him to have to make his own friends and to make his own way. His own way independently of us.

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