

Aidan Wallwork

Highly Commended - Adult Learner of the Year 2026



Aidan's Story

After overcoming challenges with ADHD, mental health, and Tourette's syndrome, Aidan found a passion for bricklaying through a work placement arranged by Wigan and Leigh College. With dedicated support from the college, he have excelled in his studies, earned recognition for helping fellow learners, and are now working towards an apprenticeship and a career in construction.

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learning journey?**

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"The 3 achievements I am most proud of is getting put forward for adult learner of the year which recognises my dedication towards learning and being highly commended for the work I put in with my peers at college helping them when needed whether is was reading a drawing to showing them how to joint brick and block work."

**What achievement are
you most proud of?**

**How has Wigan & Leigh
College supported your
success?**

"Wigan and Leigh college supported me in the paperwork for level 2 bricklaying as I struggle with paperwork I learn more visual they also supported me with my condition which is coprolalia when I'd have outburst they would let me go home and have a couple of days of which is a massive thing for me as most people don't understand the condition."



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"My future ambitions are to get an apprenticeship so I can get my level 2 bricklaying certificate then go on to site and build houses and even take on my own construction projects."

**What are your
future ambitions?**

