

## Leon's story



**Leon\* was homeless and unemployed when he left prison. Now he is working full time as a labourer on a construction site with Swiftline.**

Leon became a St Mungo's supported housing client when he became homeless after leaving prison. He soon found out that having a criminal record and lack of experience was a major barrier for him to find employment on release and rehabilitate back into society.

Leon started attending our construction skills training course in Euston where he learnt valuable trade skills of bricklaying, plastering and dry lining. His confidence and daily routine have improved massively. He received help from a Progression Coach to start his construction training and then started working

intensively with our Construction Employment Specialist to find work as a labourer. They created a strength-based CV tailored for construction work and engaged with employers willing to give Leon a chance to work on site.

After a couple of weeks, Leon was offered a role of general operative on a large building site with Swiftline. He is now a full time labourer and able to support himself as he just moved into independent accommodation. He is very proud of his achievements on his journey with St Mungo's.

\* The name Leon has been changed for confidentiality.