

HANESH PATEL

Hanesh Patel was forging a successful career as a senior manager when he was suddenly made redundant. With no money for professional courses to develop his skills, he believed his future prospects were bleak. But a visit to Tower Hamlets College's Employment Solutions unit put his career back on track.

"I was on my way to the Jobcentre when I dropped into Employment Solutions at the College, and they told me about the Securities and Investment course," says Hanesh.

He was impressed to find how much there was on offer at the National Skills Academy for Financial Services. "Along with the benefits from doing the course, there was support from college staff and business mentors, access to valuable links with employers, and opportunities to apply for internships within financial services."

After gaining the SII accredited qualification, Hanesh was offered a place on a pre-employment programme at Citigroup, and then temporary work with various teams at the bank, including EMEA Analysts, Corporate Actions and Custody Vaults.

He adds, "College staff keep in touch offering me sound advice and I have enrolled on an Information Technology Qualification course to improve my IT skills. These opportunities that enable people like me to access Canary Wharf are vital for the community."



