

SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

- Adrian Williams shares his story

THE BACKGROUND

Adrian began working as a Mechanical 2D Designer at Trawsfynydd in March 2004. That was as a contractor, and whilst he is 'still here' nine years later, his employment status has remained the same.

When he heard the news about the changes, Adrian's first thought was that as a contractor, he might be amongst the most vulnerable. So he sprung in to action immediately and began a process that may well make him truly unique in Wales.

THE APPROACH

When Adrian heard about Shaping the Future, he assumed it would only be available to Magnox employees. *"I was extremely surprised that it was open to non-Magnox staff. It is, and therefore I plan to grasp the opportunity with both hands"* Adrian says.

Adrian's goal is to set up a Mechanical Design Service Consultancy. To do that he first needs to improve his current skills base - and that is where Shaping the Future has stepped in.

"I have always been envious watching staff personnel go off on training courses to learn new skills" Adrian comments. *"The funding that is now available to me, even as a contractor means I can now attend specialist courses that I would not be able to fund otherwise."*

This includes training on SolidWorks software. Successful attainment of Expert-level status would make Adrian unique in Wales.

THE FUTURE

"My aspiration and current training program is to achieve the Expert status. There are 70 in the UK – and just 8 in Wales. I hope to be the ninth."

Shaping the Future has enabled Adrian to catch up on years of missed training opportunities – and it is an opportunity he does not intend to miss.

"As long as you can show that what you want to do benefits both you and the local area..."



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ADRIAN WILLIAMS

Mechanical 3D Designer SW
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