



My Direct Payment Story

I have been ill most of my life. I have spent a lot of time in hospital or at home. While I was at school I tried one day a week at Thanet College and hated the way I was treated.

When I left school I didn't know what I could do next.

Then I joined the Skillnet Group. They supported me to contact my Care Manager and to get Direct Payments. Now I am part of the Music Production and Media Course. I am learning to play the drums. I am part of a Speaking Up group and I give presentations to schools about how we want to be treated.



I am part of the Skillnet Group band called "Way Out"



Direct Payments have changed my life. I have control now and I want to tell everyone about it.

Now my friends are using their Direct Payments to move into their own supported flats. It is all really exciting.

