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## WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT DO YOU DO?

I am Neil Birchall and I am a Director/Instructor at Quality Access Training Ltd  
We are a Health and Safety company who specialise in the Work at Height industry.  
My role as an instructor involves training of operatives to work safely at height in a variety Industries and ways including Mobile Elevating Work Platforms, Mobile Scaffold Towers and Harness Training

## WHAT YEAR DID YOU LEAVE?

1987

## WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER LEAVING?

I served a five year apprenticeship in Fabrication and Welding at Warrington Borough Transport.

## WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST PROPER JOB? [WHAT COURSE ARE YOU STUDYING?]

I got a job in the Hire industry working for HSS Hire

## HOW DID YOU GET WHERE YOU ARE TODAY? [WHAT JOB ARE YOU HOPING TO DO?]

It certainly wasn't by planning!! I worked in the hire industry for 10 years performing various roles from van driver to engineer/repairs to depot manager. Eventually I landed myself a general managers job at a Lifting company where I gained my Instructor Qualification before setting up as my own company in 2006.

## AT SCHOOL, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

Always a PE teacher



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WHAT SUBJECTS DID YOU ENJOY MOST AND EXCEL AT?

PE and metalwork

WHAT DID YOU FIND DIFFICULT AT SCHOOL?

Languages and Maths

LOOKING BACK, WHAT'S THE ONE THING THAT SCHOOL GAVE YOU THAT YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO USE TO GET WHERE YOU ARE TODAY?

Respect for others

IF YOU COULD GO BACK AND GIVE YOUR 14 YEAR-OLD SELF ONE PIECE OF ADVICE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Enjoy every minute and believe in yourself