

Case Study – Construction Skills People

Dominic Riggott – Dominics Journey form Redundancy to Rebuilding

Background

When Dominic Riggott was made redundant from his role as a Planning and Vendor Lead at E.ON Next, he found himself at a crossroads. Having spent years managing teams across the UK, India, and South Africa, Dominic realised that his next step wasn't about staying behind a desk, it was about rediscovering his love for practical, hands-on work. "I've always enjoyed doing physical, manual work," Dominic shared. "After the redundancy, I wanted to do something completely different. Something that would get me back to working with my hands again."

Training Journey

Through his local Job Centre, Dominic learned about the Introduction to Construction course at Nottingham Skills Academy, fully funded by the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA). Keen to start a new chapter, he enrolled on the course, gaining his CSCS card and a solid grounding in construction basics.

His enthusiasm and progress quickly stood out, leading him to progress onto the Green Construction Operative Skills Bootcamp, specialising in Plastering. "The course has been brilliant," he said. "Scott, our tutor, explains everything so well and makes it easy to follow. I'd never worked on site before, but I felt completely supported the whole way through."



Hands-on Learning and confidence building

Although Dominic hadn't done any trade work for more than 20 years, he found the Skills Bootcamp an ideal environment to refresh his skills and gain formal qualifications. Alongside plastering, he was able to try other trades such as bricklaying through taster sessions — experiences that helped him regain his confidence and broaden his skillset. "I've done bits and pieces on my own house over the years, but never had the qualifications," he explained. "This has given me the confidence to take that experience further — maybe even to start working for myself."

Looking Ahead

With the course now complete, Dominic is exploring both employment and self-employment opportunities in the construction sector. With guidance from the Future Careers team and ongoing support from Nottingham Skills Academy, he has made the exciting decision to start his own business and become self-employed.

He's made the intelligent decision to use his redundancy pay to invest in his next steps — setting up his own business and pursuing further training. "I can't speak highly enough of the course and the people here,"

Dominic said. "The support has been fantastic from start to finish — Scott's been brilliant and the whole setup is just great."

Building futures through EMCAA funding

Dominic's journey is a powerful example of how East Midlands Combined County Authority funding helps people rebuild their confidence, learn new skills, and take control of their futures after redundancy. Through accessible, high-quality training at Nottingham Skills Academy, learners like Dominic are turning life's setbacks into opportunities — and helping to strengthen the region's construction workforce along the way.

