

Alumni – Ian Halford

After achieving three A levels In English Language, ICT and Music Technology Ian went on to obtain an Engineering degree in Computers, Networking and Communications Technology. During that time he spent a year working in the computing industry both locally and nationally, which gave him some very useful work experience.

After graduating he took part in the Leonardo Da Vinci programme, which is the Erasmus programme for graduates which gave him some opportunities to work abroad in the IT sector. This set him up with a six month placement in Barcelona working at a brand new science research facility, again in the IT Department. When he returned to the UK he got a job with the IT consultancy he had worked at in his year out from university, he travelled the country and was involved in a range of different projects.

After working in Britain for four years he decided to move to Canada as he had visited family over there on countless occasions. After spending six months away from the UK, in Spain, with limited Spanish, living and moving there successfully, he thought Canada should be easier. In some ways it was, but it has also been very difficult, but well worth it! He now works in Toronto and after being lucky enough to obtain two work permits, he was eligible to apply to become a permanent resident in Canada. He was granted residency just before Christmas and can now settle properly.

