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**Lifesavers: June 2013 (March 2013)**

### **SWIM UK PROVIDES A LIFELINE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED**

Swim UK operates one of the largest programmes of Lifeguard (RLSS) courses in the UK. Based in Brighton, Swim UK courses now receive funding to offer job seekers (aged 19 years+) the opportunity to take part in their qualifications for free through their 'Sporting Solutions' package.

Sporting Solutions is a unique training package including the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition National Pool Lifeguarding Qualification, alongside safeguarding and protecting children and employability qualifications. The training package equips the candidates with the necessary skills to develop a career within the leisure industry. The opportunity is a great way for the unemployed to gain skills and receive guidance on CV writing, to enable them to get back into work.

Kiren Morris, 20, from the Chichester area, was one of the first candidates to complete Swim UK's Lifeguard course for unemployed learners. Previously out of work and living in sheltered accommodation, Kiren took to the course and passed with flying colours. He wasted no time in securing full time employment at Butlins Entertainment Resort in Bognor as a Lifeguard.

Kiren described his experience with Swim UK as "life changing", he said; "this has not only given me a job, but also accommodation! This is a real chance for me to turn my life around."

Luke Hardy, Programme Development Officer, said; "Kiren is just one example of the enormous impact that this opportunity has on people's lives. The 8<sup>th</sup> Edition NPLQ is not only a solid qualification base, but it equips the candidate with a vast amount of life skills including basic health and safety, customer service and the ability to make decisions under pressure."

With regards to Swim UK and their relationship with the IQL, Ella Scott, Business Support Manager, said; "The IQL has been incredibly helpful, and supported us in finding new tutors and teaching assistants as we continue to expand."

For more information about Swim UK please visit [www.swimuk.co.uk](http://www.swimuk.co.uk), or call 01273 434400.

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