

### **Meabh's story**

Having been unemployed since before the birth of her daughter two and a half years ago, Meabh was very keen to get back into work and hoped to start a career as a make-up artist.

As a first step in her training, Meabh applied for and was offered a place on a special effects hair and make-up course at Belfast Met. However, the cost of equipment needed for the course came to over £200, and meant that she was unsure if she'd be able to take up her place.

By successfully applying for funding through The Prince's Trust Development Award, Meabh was able to buy the equipment she needed and take up her place on the course. Once she's qualified, Meabh hopes to find work in Belfast's growing film and television industry.

### **Kim's story**

Having left school without any GCSEs, Kim completed a short course which explored the option of self-employment in health and fitness industry. Now inspired to become a fitness instructor, she aimed to complete a level 2 fitness instructing qualification, but the course fees were £400 and she was unsure if she could afford these.

Having secured 50% of the funding she needed, Kim approached the Prince's Trust for help and received the remaining £200 she needed towards the course fees. She has now completed the course, working towards her final exam and is busy researching room hire and locations to set up her business.