



Studying interpreting enabled Angelina to gain the qualifications and career change she wanted

## Learner profile: Angelina Grasso

Angelina studied community interpreting then took the Diploma in Police Interpreting (DPI) course

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I took a Diploma in Police Interpreting course last year after finding myself unemployed due to organisational changes. I had studied criminology but with a long career in production I needed to find a way back in.

I took a course in community interpreting to find a way to help people. It was only when I was on the course and my tutor told me about a path in police interpreting that it clicked, I could change my career and utilise my criminology background.

I signed up for Diploma in Police Interpreting and the class was brilliant, we gained some real experience.

Our tutor was a working interpreter and invited a police officer to class to role-play what a real situation would feel like. This real life experience helped me when I interviewed for the Metropolitan Police.

The course and my diploma gave me the confidence to apply to be a member of the National Register of Public Service Interpreters.

Since then I have worked with the Magistrates and the Crown Court.

Recently I have become a member of the registered interpreters for the Metropolitan Police and am now waiting for the phone to ring for my first job.

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