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PART B: PARTICIPANT CASE STUDY

Participant's Name	John Leech
Date of Birth	21/11/70

Project Overview *(Approximately 100 words)*
 Please provide a description of the project, identify what it is the project is delivering, who to (target group) and where (geographic coverage).

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Participant's Background and Circumstances *(Approximately 250 words)*
 Please give details of the participant's background and circumstances prior to joining the project. Include details of the individual's employment status and previous work experience, skills and qualifications obtained prior to commencing on the project, any health issues, care responsibilities or particular barriers faced by the individual.

After leaving school at age 16 without any qualifications, John immediately found a job working on a production line. Up to 2011 John had always been in work, using the on-the-job skills he had gained in production with employers including ICI, Baxi and Duttons Carpets. When the latter closed in 2011, John found himself redundant for the first time and struggled with the impact on his confidence and day to day contact with colleagues at the factory where had worked for 12 years.

John recognised the need to improve his ability to compete for a wider range of jobs and with the help of his Jobcentre Plus advisor was referred onto a CSCS course to enable him to apply for jobs in construction. Having achieved the certificate, John then sought assistance from Remploy to help him gain an SIA licence to work in the security industry. Remploy are based in the same building as the ACT Centre and in order to help John broaden his employability skills his advisor recommended he contact the Centre to discuss undertaking courses in Maths, English and IT.

Following a conversation and initial assessment with the Centre's Functional Skills Tutor, John indicated that he wanted to prioritise taking a Maths course as he had found this an easier subject while at school and felt his confidence would benefit more from a return to learning in this subject.

Participant's Achievements *(Approximately 250 words)*

Please describe how the achievements of the participant whilst on the project. Include details of the progress made, skills and qualifications achieved, progress in gaining employment or work experience and barriers which have been overcome. Where activity is ongoing provide an update on progress.

John commented that he immediately felt welcome and relaxed when he started at the Centre which helped him settle quickly into the course. He contrasted his experience favourably with his CSCS course where he felt the environment had been too impersonal and lacking in professionalism. John was particularly pleased with the way his course was structured and the quality of the learning materials.

As his confidence grew, halfway through his Maths course John felt able to enrol on a Level 1 IT course at the same time, as part of which he has completed units in Word Processing, Spreadsheets and Powerpoint. The full Level 1 qualification will complement the Level 2 Maths certificate that John achieved in June 2016, his first nationally recognised qualification. Having come to the Centre with no previous experience of using computers, John feels much happier in now being able to consider a wider range of jobs as he continues his job search with the ongoing support of his Remploy advisor.

John is now ready to enrol on an accredited English course and stated that his positive experiences to date have motivated him to pursue further learning including higher level Maths. John added that one of the added benefits of being on the course is the regular contact and support he gets from other learners, who joined him in celebrating the award of his Maths certificate. John's closing comment was that his learning at the ACT Centre has been a "really great experience. I can't praise the tutors highly enough for their excellent support and I would recommend the Centre to anyone".

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