

## **Julian Jeyakumar Profile – Transcript**

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My name is Vadivelu Julian Jeyakumar.

I lived in England for twenty years. I studied there and I was working.

I'm a mechanical engineer by trade.

When I migrated here I was young and I had the feeling because I had the qualification from England I should be able to get a job.

But mechanical engineering was basically dying at that time.

I applied for a few jobs when I came here.

There was an opportunity in Auburn Centrelink. They were looking for somebody to temp.

So I put my hand up and I've been with the department now, twenty years.

For the people who I work with I always tell them, go and find some volunteer work.

With that experience you'll be able to find jobs.

They may have a different accent.

That doesn't mean they have no knowledge.

They could be doctors, they could be engineers.

But, you know, we shouldn't underestimate their strength.

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