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Interviewer: Okay. Right, [P2], thank you for taking your time to come here. My first question is just, could you please briefly introduce yourself and tell me how you got aware of the workshop?

P2: My name is [P2] and I've got a degree in applied computer business on a [__ at T1 0:00:22] level. I currently work at [anonymised], Newcastle as a project support worker but in theory it's basically IT guy. I heard about this workshop through Smile Through Sports. One of my friends emailed me the letter and I looked through the email and I thought I'd give it a go basically.

Interviewer: That's great. Could you briefly describe your condition, the kind of impairment that you have?

P2: Well, that's hard answering because currently the doctors haven't even officially diagnosed me yet. They're still looking into me. I'm one of these rare cases where kind of like me because of it, I did lot of different studies. I'm currently being studied by the genetics lab at the Life Centre.

A simple definition would be an exterior nerve problem. Like my central nervous system is fine, my brain [dump 0:01:18] is fine but my exterior nerves, like for example, you see my left arm is quite weak. My right arm is not fully functional.

____[0:01:26] [literal] frame on my right leg and I had a leg lengthening procedure before that. My left leg has gone through some wear and tear having to cope with the problems on the right hand side.

I have some facial disfigurement as well. I have a speech impairment called [dysarthria] or something like that, where is it just because of the weakness of my face. It can slur my speech slightly.

Interviewer: All right, thank you. After hearing the briefing of the infrastructure of Open Lab here, do you have any needs we should be aware of to make your time here at Open Lab as comfortable as possible?

P2: Don't think so, everything I have seen seems fine.

Interviewer: Good. Do you have any specific needs concerning light and illumination of the room because I was thinking of maybe getting some extra lamps?

P2: No. No, light I'm fine with. I just wear my glasses as you can see.

Interviewer: That's great. Furniture and other equipment is also not...

P2: No, furniture is fine.

Interviewer: Okay, good. So, about your working practices with technologies and computers, which will be in your case a lot because you're an IT guy. Where or for which purposes do you normally use a computer? So, I guess at work.

P2: Personal use, looking up, creating a USB bootable version of Linux. I'm currently messing around with that and learning a bit of skills using that. In work I do everything that I can solve, people's queries, like adding a printer to the network, it's not working.

They say I'm the buffer between the health charities, like if it's a small problem it's for me to solve but if it's a problem that will take some time we put it onto the IT company and get them to solve it. Then write a- (Phone ringing) sorry about that.

Interviewer: No worries. If you want we can also take a break.

P2: No, I phoned my friend who I was talking to you before about possibly doing the things. That was him calling. Where were we?

Mobile phones, doing monitoring on those. Making sure people can't call their mums, fixing them, setting the data limits on the phones. Dealing with the printer, dealing with [media stream 0:04:03] presentations.

So, I oversaw the transition from very old presentation stuff where it was just do a screen, words, do a [two point, two and four] PowerPoint videos and then have them live on the TVs to promote all the stuff around the centres.

Interviewer: Yes, a lot of different stuff.

P2: Anything and everything that gets thrown my way basically.

Interviewer: Also, a FitBit tracker.

P2: No, that's a contactless payment device.

Interviewer: Oh, okay.

P2: It's a bPay device, so basically you can top up your money and then just go beep, rather than- it's just easier basically rather than having to- for example, money. With my disabilities I can take some time putting money away, where this is beep, get a receipt and it's done.

Interviewer: No, that's really handy.

P2: You can transfer money to and from it. So what, £20 in two years. I'll give it a shot and see what happens.

Interviewer: Cool. So, you have a lot of computers and technological devices, I think we can basically skip, you've told me so much already. Oh yes, you have programming and coding skills?

P2: I'd say that's probably my weak side. I've done a bit of it, I've done a bit of website work when I was in college. You should have seen- I can probably grasp it a bit more, I wouldn't say it's one of my strengths basically.

I remember doing a bit of- oh, what was it? One of the program languages in college, I didn't really like programming. I'm more of a hands-on person. A doer or whatever you call it. I'll ____ [0:05:49] [try anything] basically.

Interviewer: So, probably more stuff- if you say websites and also something that you get right away some feedback from the program or what you're changing in a code, right?

P2: Yes. Yes, because you have a line of code and you miss one comma in the wrong place and it's a (blows lips).

Interviewer: Yes, that's true.

P2: I like the work I do at the moment because it's problem solving, one or two issues but then you can possibly solve it, where you could spend ages just looking for one little mistake in line and lines of code.

Interviewer: Absolutely, yes. Do you have any experience with CAD or graphical designing skills?

P2: Not really, no. I know what they are but I haven't really been using them.

Interviewer: Yes, never used it? Do you have any concerns about using a computer which you would like to share with me? No, not at all. You're also using a mouse and keyboard just like everyone else, right?

P2: Yes.

Interviewer: Cool. So, previous maker experiences. Have you ever invented or created anything for helping you in daily life?

P2: No.

Interviewer: Maybe after the workshop then. Have you heard the term maker movement?

P2: I've heard of maker before but not maker movement.

Interviewer: Okay. What does maker mean to you?

P2: One of these university type projects that go around and help people make stuff basically.

Interviewer: So, thinking back about make- or thinking about makers, people using 3D printers and laser cutters, have you ever used a 3D printer?

P2: No.

Interviewer: A laser cutter?

P2: No.

Interviewer: With electronics, anything?

P2: No, not really.

Interviewer: Yes, good. I mean, this is all things that...

P2: ____[0:08:06] doing [changing] about computers, dealing with electronics but that's probably not electronics.

Interviewer: Yes, cool. That was quick then. For the expectations, what are your general expectations for the workshops?

P2: Learn new skills, improve understanding of different concepts of IT, build up confidence in your area- your stuff, be active, do stuff and stuff like that.

Interviewer: That's good. Is there any technology that you're particularly interested in? So, if we say 3D printers, laser cutters and electronics would mainly be the technologies that we cover here. Is there any one of them?

P2: Probably 3D printing. I've seen stuff about it on the Gadget Show and stuff like that, so I'll probably have more of an idea of what that is. Whereas the other electronics can lead off in so many different directions it's a bit hard to grasp which part of that we'll be doing.

Interviewer: Yes. I mean, we will basically work with like pocket sized microcontrollers, so we will programme them a little bit and then see how they make a light blink or how they will use a light sensor, if you make it darker then something maybe beeps or whatever. So, there will be a lot of tinkering in this direction. Cool. What kinds of skills would you like to have after the workshop?

P2: Skills in areas that we'd be doing basically. Just like have basic skills in these areas and if they could be used in my

future job hunting skills then so be it. But, ____[0:10:04] I'm learning new stuff and improving myself basically.

Interviewer: What do you think will be the most challenging part in the workshop?

P2: Probably doing the fiddly bits, like the soldering and stuff like that.

Interviewer: Yes. Do you already have any ideas what kind of things you would like to build?

P2: No.

Interviewer: There is a lot of time then to think about it. I think a lot comes also from the materials, when you have them in your hand and you feel them or you see them then you suddenly have an idea.

P2: Yes.

Interviewer: So yes, that was basically all the interview now. Do you have any thoughts about the workshops or you think we have not covered and would like to share?

P2: At this time, no.

Interviewer: Yes, good. Feel free always to ask me anything what you like and that's great. Thank you very much for the interview.

P2: No problem.

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