

**Foundation Degree Award Winner
Herbert Goredema**

Herbert Goredema (Foundation Degree Award Winner.): I'm in the Army, I'm a chef in the Army. I joined in 2003 and I just came back from Kenya where I've been for six months. I've been out of learning for quite a long time and it was just craving knowledge really. That's why I enrolled on the course.

Clare Mannall (Westminster Kingsway College.): Herbie did a foundation degree in Hospitality and Food Service Management. With the Forces though the difference was that they couldn't come into a classroom.

Herbert: Distance learning is, sometimes you can feel quite isolated.

Clare: He came along and was quite a nervous learner and struggled and work exceedingly hard.

Herbert: Everyone on the course was Warrant Officers, which is like my boss really.

Clare: He had to fit his work around evenings and weekends and sometimes in the workplace.

Herbert: It was extremely frustrating because I didn't have internet access when I was away on exercises.

Clare: Blackboard is our virtual learning environment.

Monica Or (Virtual Learning Environment): Herbie, he had initially great issues with IT.

Clare: It was very much about flexibility and he was extremely motivated. That was one of the key things. He's gone from being around the average in the group to actually excelling and being one of the best.

Herbert: I went on to apply for a Masters. I think learning for me it's basically empowerment really.