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BBC Presenter Photo Fits Journalism Careers

Top TV news reporter tells how he went from selling double-glazing to being a house-hold name

A leading national news reporter reveals his tips to succeed in getting a career in journalism business in the latest podcast from Connexions Leicester Shire, in partnership with the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) East Midlands.

Matthew Amroliwala is a national BBC TV News reporter and a regular presenter on the BBC's 'Crimewatch' programme. After having spent a number of years in the world of work searching for his vocation, Matthew reveals what it takes to get a successful career in TV and radio news journalism.

Matthew says: "It doesn't matter where you have come from, so long as you are taught well. There are lots of good journalism courses available and a one-year course is the best way into the industry.

"It's important to get skilled up as you will be employable straight away. Training is critical; it is a vital way forward as it will open up a huge pyramid of opportunities."

Mary Rodgers, area director, LSC Leicestershire, says: "Matthew's message is clear that you need training and skills are essential for a good career. Matthew has gone from selling double-glazing to be a successful TV news reporter. I think that young people can

take heart from Matthew's experience and recognise that even if you don't know what career you want after leaving school, further training provides more opportunities."

Rosemary Beard, chief executive Connexions Leicester Shire, said: "This podcast is essential for all young people considering a career in news reporting. Matthew's straightforward advice is considered and practical and he makes it clear that you need to have skills and qualifications to secure your future. We hope the podcast helps bring young people the success they want."

The podcast - funded by the LSC - is downloadable from the Connexions website at:

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