

Getting to Know You

Live example – What people like about Phil

Transcript

Kay: So the, the last section we are going to do is what people like and admire about you. It's the first section on the one-page-profile but we're, we've come to it last because it's just easier that way. Now from what I know personally about you, and from our discussions today, I think people would see you as a positive and adventurous person. Is that how you see yourself?

Phil: It is how I see myself and I know some people would consider me inspirational. But I don't see myself as inspirational but I would like to think that I give people a positive outlook of someone with a disability.

Kay: So that's how you believe other people see you. How would you like people to see you? What would you like them to understand about you?

Phil: I would like people to think of me as honest, have a strong sense of social justice as well as integrity and strong opinions. And I would hope that people think that I'm a good listener. I'm always very much, want to know other people's opinions and thoughts on topics, on any subject and I think I'm sympathetic to people's opinions and thoughts.

Kay: So if you could sum up your opinion on life, how would you do that?

Phil: I, very much, see myself as pretty easy going but that can be the point of being a bit lazy. I need a kick up the backside sometimes to do things. But I also like the spontaneity of life, having the freedom to choose what I want to do, what I want to do, just having fun, not taking life too seriously.

Kay: Okay.

Phil: There's enough serious things in life. Hopefully people perceive that about me.

Kay: I think they do. I do.

Phil: I also hope people think I'm fairly intelligent. I think they must do because I'm often being asked to be on various quiz teams by...

Kay: And are you particularly intelligent?

Phil: ...friends and family.

Kay: Is there a reason for this?

Phil: I'm not particularly academic but I know a lot of trivia, lots of facts and figures about all sorts of things.

Kay: So you're perceived to be intelligent?

Phil: I'm perceived to be far more intelligent than I probably am.

Kay: Maybe it's just a good memory?

Phil: Maybe it is.

Kay: In summary for the last section of the one-page-profile which is actually the first section of the one-page profile...

Phil: Yeah...

Kay: What people like and admire about you. From our discussions I understand that you believe a lot of people do find you inspirational although you don't necessarily agree with this.

Phil: No.

Kay: But you do hope that you bring a positive influence to other people's view of disability, giving a better understanding of how disabled people can just have a normal life, a relationship.

Phil: Yeah.

Kay: How you view yourself, you believe you've got a very strong sense of social justice, you don't like inequality.

Phil: No.

Kay: You believe you like to be seen as honest, you have strong opinions and you are willing to listen to all points of view. You believe you're a good listener and you hope you're not judgemental.

Phil: Yeah.

Kay: You do like to just get on with it but are aware that occasionally you need a kick up the backside.

Phil: I do yeah.

Kay: Maybe that's your easy going way.

Phil: Maybe.

Kay: You like to enjoy life. You love spontaneity and the freedom to be spontaneous. You also understand you're perceived as being intelligent but in fact you just have a vast amount of trivia and a very good memory.

Phil: Yeah.

Kay: Is that a good...

Phil: With the spontaneity, a lot of that's down to there's a set routine with a disability so it's nice to be spontaneous sometimes.