

# Helene

Having been forced to flee the Republic of Congo, Helene decided to relocate to France to pursue an education. After having successfully completed further education, Helene gained a BA degree in Technical Management and Finance at University. With the ability to speak English, French, Spanish and Congolese, Helene was offered a job within a large worldwide company in Central London. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Helene became unemployed. With no salary and the prospect of being homeless, Helene decided to move to Birmingham. She was sofa surfing with friends until deciding to seek support.

Helene was referred to Ashley Community Housing and was successfully housed in an all-female flat. Helene met with her support worker, with whom Helene shared her aspirations to complete her ESOL and learn a new language. After two months, Helene was enrolled onto an ESOL course and about to begin a Mandarin course.

After having been with Ashley Community Housing for three months, Helene has now rebuilt her life. She has an exciting job opportunity to work with children and is looking forward to living independently.