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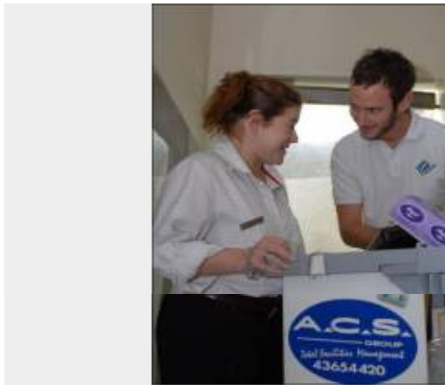
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Pilot work experience program breaks down job barriers

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Kobi Neverov with Daniel Rockwell.

NINE candidates took part in an innovative pilot work experience program called Breaking Down Barriers. It was organised by Break Thru Employment Solutions and open-minded cleaning company ACS, an integrated service provider.

The candidates who previously faced employment barriers including long-term unemployment, disabilities and disadvantages, enjoyed their time in work.

One, Kobi Neverov, of Wyong, completed the project and was so successful she landed a full-time position with the company. "It was a pleasure to do work experience with ACS and Break Thru because before I had this opportunity I was really like an invalid, depressed and no one wanted to give me a go," she

said.

"It nearly started to make me believe that I wasn't capable of even being able to work and my family and friends nearly started to believe that I couldn't do it either." Ms Neverov said the program could help many people in similar situations.

The program was officially launched and Ms Neverov was presented with a certificate of excellence by ACS chief executive officer Paul Collins.

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