



# 3sun Case Study

## “Life-changing” new careers in offshore wind

Eighteen months ago, wind turbine inspection technicians David Larter and Ben Kirchell were unemployed.

Now, with £10,000 of training each and experience of working on three offshore wind farms, they hope to be in the Vattenfall contract workforce.

Both had been in ‘dead end jobs’ in their coastal hometowns and wanted to build careers for the future when an opportunity arose to join the fastest-growing industry on their doorstep.

Ben Kirchell described his new job as “life-changing.”

Both men enrolled on the first cohort of the 12-week Offshore Wind Skills Centre transition course at East Coast College, Great Yarmouth, designed for unemployed people with no engineering experience and delivering training worth £5,500 each.

When course finished, both were offered jobs by 3sun Group, that led the drive to set up the employer-led course, and went through three-weeks of inspection training, adding up to a training investment of £10,000 each.

David, of Lowestoft, and Ben, of Caister, near Great Yarmouth, have worked on three offshore wind sites constantly since finishing the course.

## About 3sun

3sun Group already employs 200 technicians and up to 30 new jobs will be created through their latest contract with Vattenfall, the largest contract in the history of the Great Yarmouth-based business.



**Ben Kirchell**

“I’ve gone from being unemployed after drifting through dead end jobs and working in fast food to being skilled and having a career in an industry close to home that is just growing and growing with work ahead for decades. I can’t believe my luck and was thrilled to get my first pay. The industry is here on our doorsteps and I can see how I can progress.”



**David Larter**

**“Joining 3sun Group was a brilliant career move.”**