

## **My Future Is Durham - Inspiring the next generation video transcript**

[Text on screen: My Future is Durham Building Opportunities]

[John Campbell stands in front of a sign which says Chemtech]

John Campbell: Hi I'm John Campbell.

[Gordon MacPherson is sitting on a bench outside, with a green and a row of houses in the background]

Gordon MacPherson: My name is Gordon MacPherson.

[Victoria Walton is sitting in front of shelves of books]

Victoria Walton: I am Victoria Walton, I am back at my junior school in Newton Hall, Blue Coat Juniors.

[Victoria is shown sitting on the floor of a school library, reading to a group of children]

Victoria: I am a solicitor for people buying land to build houses on it.

[Footage cuts back to Gordon MacPherson on the bench]

Gordon: I am a director of two businesses, Seaham Safety Services and a company called Moralbox.

[Footage cuts back to John Campbell standing in front of the Chemtech sign]

John: I am managing director and co-founder of Chemtech Environmental, we are a testing lab that carries out chemical analysis of soils and waters.

[Video shows John, in protective overalls and safety goggles, walking through a factory environment]

[Footage cuts back to Gordon MacPherson sitting on the bench]

Gordon: I am from Easington in County Durham, which is a great part of the North East. I've got a lot of great memories of Easington Village, in particular the primary school and playing on the primary school football pitch, out the back, so you used to play a lot of, you know, sport during school, but also after school.

[Footage cuts to Victoria Walton sitting in the school library]

Victoria: My earliest memories of being at the school are being in the hall for assembly, everybody sitting around and coming into this room to watch the telly and read books.

[Video shows the school hall and children having a PE lesson, running up and down the hall]

Victoria: I think you are always here with your friends, so I just remember playing and even the lessons seemed to be that you were with your friends and doing fun things.

[Footage shows children playing in the school yard and Victoria looking at photos on a noticeboard]

[Footage cuts back to John in front of the Chemtech sign]

John: I was born in Blackhill, near Consett, I went back to school to do "A" levels but after a few weeks at sixth form I realised it wasn't "A" levels that I wanted to do, and I left and started to look for a job in the wide world.

[Footage of John carrying chemicals in glass containers and placing them into a machine]

[Footage shows Victoria Walton in the school library again]

Victoria: I think when I was really little I actually wanted to be a vet because I liked stroking animals and playing with animals, and I just really kept working at the things I enjoyed, tried "A" level law and then that's what I ended up doing.

[Footage of Gordon MacPherson on the bench, overlooking a village green]

Gordon: My dad's drilled work ethic into me from a really, really early day. I used to have a lot of, not just one paper-round, I used to have many paper-rounds, I used to do Sunday rounds, evening rounds, morning rounds, you name it, I picked them up and I carried that on, into my career.

[Footage shows Gordon crossing a road and walking past some shops]

[Footage shows John Campbell taking with a colleague and working with chemical equipment]

John: So, I think County Durham is a fantastic location for a business. I personally live in the town, but we have the countryside on our doorstep, the people here are so friendly.

[Footage shows John in front of the Chemtech sign, then footage of a village green and a couple walking a dog.]

[Footage of Gordon sitting on the bench]

Gordon: It's a great area in general, it's great scenery on the drive into work and the people of the North East, you know, are better than anywhere that I have been.

[Footage of Victoria Walton in the school library]

Victoria: In Durham there is a lot of really good businesses, so there is some real opportunities for people in their career.

[Footage of John Campbell in front of the Chemtech sign]

John: You don't have to be set on a particular career path, but there will be opportunities that come and go.

[Footage of John putting on safety goggles and sitting at a computer screen with a colleague]

[Footage of Gordon sitting on the bench]

Gordon MacPherson: And don't be frightened to push yourself outside of your comfort zone because it's the only way you will learn, and you will feel rewarded for it as well.

[Footage of Victoria Walton in the school library and speaking with school children whilst looking at photographs on a notice board.]

Victoria Walton: My single piece of advice would be don't worry about what you're going to do now, see what you enjoy, try hard at it, and then you can try different things when you are older.

[Footage of John Campbell standing in front of the Chemtech sign, then video of him pouring chemicals into a container]

John: I am very passionate about science and it is a great area to develop a career in and there are a lot of different industries that you can progress a career in science within the North East.

[Footage of Gordon MacPherson sitting on the bench]

Gordon: Things are looking great here in County Durham, I think the future is very bright.

[Text on screen: My Future is Durham Building Opportunities]

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