( Descriptor ) interview of Ned Brewer-Maiga with footage of him interacting with colleagues, playing sport and working from home.

Ned: My name's Ned Brewer-Maiga and I'm the community trainee at Hawthorn Football Club.

I play for Hawthorn's Blind AFL team and through that experience I met a lot of people who worked at the club.

I asked for a bit of volunteer work and then through the ILC grant I actually got a full time position.

COVID-19 has definitely impacted the whole footy club a fair bit, including myself.

I still run a lot of my programs like the inclusive schools program, the industry immersion program that we're running at the club.

We're just trying to make those things more virtual and accessible online as a lot of students and kids are working from home at the moment.

It's been challenging but in both a good way and a bad way.

Visual fatigue is always a major thing for someone with a visual impairment.

So for me to be spending pretty much all my day looking at a computer screen is very taxing on my eyes and my eyesight.

So that's probably been the biggest challenge but I think the highlight from working from home has sort of been I guess learning a bit more of my capabilities, my strengths and weaknesses.

And seeing how far I've come and all the things I've learnt.

The advice I would give to people wanting to achieve their employment goals with a disability would be

just find what you love and then a big tip of mine would be volunteer work and putting a foot in the door with industries

and show that you're more than just what your disability says you are.