



## CONNECT WEEKLY

### HEART TO HEART with the EDITOR



**Name:** Gabriel Pecha

**Position:** Caretaker, Belvedere College, Dublin

#### **When did you join Momentum Support?**

In 2020 I was working in the building trade when Covid 19 came and the work just ceased over-night leaving me with no job. I applied for a position with Momentum Support in April as a cleaning operative in Dublin Bus. I was successful and joined the Momentum Support night team in Dublin Bus. In June I transferred to Belvedere College, Dublin as a caretaker on the day shift.

#### **Tell me about your role in Belvedere College?**

I have a great job and I am very happy. I start work at 11am and finish at 7pm Monday to Friday. My colleague and friends may say it is a dream job for me! My duties entail firstly reporting to the reception on arrival to collect the list of deliveries required and the location of where all the items need to be delivered too. These items could be paper, ribbons or even student books and more. Then mid- morning I carry out sanitization duties including all the touch points in the College Science Building this is repeated again after the lunch break. I report to reception mid-afternoon so I can collect letters and packages that I must deliver to the local Post Office. On my return to the college I then clean five class rooms and all the bins in the Yard. Suddenly it is 7pm and time to go home and rest.

#### **Why did you travel to Ireland? and what do you like most about the Country?**

Great question, when I compare Ireland to Slovakia, I find that in Ireland one can express opinions easier and this is important for me

#### **Gabriel what did you study in college in Slovakia?**

When I was in Slovakia I qualified as a car mechanic. Unfortunately, I found it difficult to get a job in a garage so I went on the building Sites. When I came to Ireland I continued with this work.

#### **What are your hopes for the future?**

I am with Momentum Support only six months and considering we are in a world pandemic I can only take small steps the first to improve my English. I hope to progress to Supervisor or even Management level in the future. Since joining Momentum Support, I have attended courses such as BIC Sc cleaning, manual handling, fogging sanitation and deep cleaning. I hope to stay in Ireland.



#### **Are there any hobbies you are passionate about?**

Football, Barcelona, Lionel Andrés Messi, the Argentine professional footballer who plays forward and captain. Often considered the best player in the world and widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time

