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MY JOB VICTORY, BY SEX-CHANGE WOMAN

Sex change woman Linda Hollingworth hopes her long fight to win back her job will be an inspiration to other people like her.



MISS LINDA HOLLINGWORTH

Miss Hollingworth of Cromwell Road, Rugby, formerly known as Mr. Ray Fowell, was told she would be employed again at GEC Telecommunications in Coventry, 15 months after being sacked when she started to go to work as a woman.



An industrial tribunal in April ruled that she should be re-engaged, but the company only made their decision after a vote of the workforce showed they were overwhelmingly in favour of her return.

Miss Hollingworth, aged 32, said: "I was overjoyed when I won the tribunal, but of course that was not going to be the end of it.

"I knew the company were going to refuse to reinstate me, which they did for a long while.

"When I found out I was going to get my job back I was thrilled. I was very touched by the support people have shown for me.

"Most people want me to go back. That is why I am looking forward to it."

Miss Hollingworth added: "I am sure it will set some form of precedent. I hope other people in the same position would not have to go to a tribunal to protect their jobs."

Miss Hollingworth returns to work on Monday, June 14, in a similar engineering post to the one she left when she was sacked.