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Profile

Postgraduate with two years' experience of volunteering in charities and in an MP's constituency office; trained in project management and bid writing; my MA dissertation explores the career paths in the UK of highly qualified asylum seekers. Seeking a research/ admin/ operational role related to migration and homelessness, preferably in the Yorkshire region.

Education

University of Bradford - MA Peace, Resilience and Social Justice 2018 – 2019

This covers Security and Development, Applied Conflict Research and Natural Resource Governance. I have chosen a pathway specialising in Sustainable Cities. I am currently conducting primary research with asylum seekers from professional backgrounds, their perceptions of how they can contribute to the local community and the barriers they face in wishing to do this.

University of Bradford – BA (Hons) Sociology (2.1) 2013 – 2017

I gained a First for my final year dissertation examining lone immigrant children's experiences in the foster care system. I learned the basics of research methods and used creative thinking to build a network of participants.

Greenhead College, Huddersfield 2011 – 2013

A levels: French (A) Sociology (B) Law (C)

Salendine Nook High School, Huddersfield 2006 - 2011

GCSEs: 8 including Maths (C) English Language (A) Double Science (C,B) Business Studies (B)

Related Experience

Assistant - Peter Parkinson, MP, Huddersfield West 2017 - 2018

I volunteered one day a week in the office of my local MP and I spent two weeks in his London office. At first I answered phone calls and welcomed visitors coming to the surgeries. I progressed to responding to some basic online queries from constituents. I researched and raised awareness of local issues such as homelessness, addiction and hate crimes. I assisted with community events and campaigns. I saw how the media liaise with constituency offices and my role created many opportunities for networking e.g. with housing charities. I was responsible for updating the website and social media pages. I left when I started my MA but continue to be actively involved in politics.

Intern - St George's Crypt, Leeds 2015 - 2016

As part of my first degree, I spent a year working for this homelessness charity. I organised and ran awareness raising events in the community, gained sponsorship of £2,450 from local companies, and worked in partnership with the local authority and the NHS. I also provided practical support for service users e.g. in food preparation, worked on reception and carried out admin tasks. I took part in a lot of in-house training, on topics such as substance misuse, confidentiality, project management, bid writing, unconscious bias and mental health.

Reading Helper – Beanstalk, Huddersfield 2011 - 2012

In sixth form I worked two hours a week with primary school children after school to improve their literacy. I read with them and created fun activities to build their confidence and language skills.

Employment

Seasonal Staff - National Youth Service, Stoke-on-Trent Summer 2018

On this programme I supported a diverse group of 16 – 17 year olds in personal development – organising team building exercises, encouraging self-reflection, confidence building, teaching budgeting and other life skills, involving them in learning about apprenticeships and higher education.

Clerical Assistant – University of Bradford Study Abroad Office, 2017 - 2018

After working part-time in the Study Abroad Office from 2016 to 2017 while I was a student, I took a 4 day a week maternity cover position there after graduating, combining this with gaining more experience of local and national politics in my local MP's office. I used all Microsoft Office applications and got used to working to deadlines in a very busy environment, advising international students, frequently contacting overseas universities and getting to grips with different protocols and systems. I deputised on occasions for the Study Abroad Officer, showing visitors the campus.

General Assistant - Butcher Hill Co-op, Bradford 2013 – 2014

This was a part-time job in my first year of university, working on the till and providing a friendly, efficient service to a wide range of customers. I offered to work unsociable hours to accommodate colleagues with family commitments.

Shelf Stacker/ Cleaner - Salendine Nook Co-op, Huddersfield 2012 - 2013

In this role I effectively monitored and maintained stock levels, and ensured the store was clean and tidy.

Volunteering Experience

Career Ambassador - Career and Employability Services, University of Bradford 2018 - 2019

As part of a team, I promote student employability services by creating leaflets, using social media and by doing lecture shouts. I have also assisted in running employer events, greeting company representatives and ensuring that everything runs smoothly for them on the day.

Interests

- I keep up to date with global issues by reading the broadsheets and The Economist. I am interested in how these issues are played out in my local area.
- Member of the University of Bradford Afro-Caribbean Society and the Baking Society.

References

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Steve Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, National Youth Service: s.p.thomas-jones@nys.org.uk