

Project | SEARCH Bradford Update

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What is it?

Project | SEARCH Bradford is a partnership between Bradford Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust (BTHFT), Southfield School,

HFT, Bradford Council and the University of Bradford. The goal is to provide three on-site work placements for young people with learning disabilities leading to gaining skills necessary for employment.

Employee of the Month

Zsanett Kowal- who is a member of the Child Development Service at St Luke's Hospital was nominated by Project SEARCH Coordinator, Bryony Dolby, for the Employee of the Month award. Zsanett has been a mentor to five previous interns, and one of our current Project SEARCH interns, Waisal. We are pleased to announce that she won, and was presented with her certificate last month by Pat Campbell, Director of HR.

Bryony said: *"I have nominated Zsanett because of the continuous outstanding support and the significant impact this has had upon the future employment prospects of the interns she has mentored. An impressive eighty percent of the graduates Zsanett has mentored have consequently found paid employment, and her mentorship has played a key role in that".*

Waisal said: *"Zsanett is really nice, she helped me a lot and has been really supportive. She is always there and available to help me if I need it. It feels like home in the department."*

Project SEARCH Bradford would like to say thank you to Bradford Teaching Hospitals for choosing Zsanett for Employee of the Month, and a huge thank you and congratulations to Zsanett- a well deserved award!



Rays a Smile Charity Football Match



BRADFORD Hospitals' Charity launched it's Rays a Smile appeal with a celebrity football match in April. Celebrity players like David Kennedy, James Hooton, Ellie Young, Tom White, Jason Thornton, David Norris, Lee Duxbury, Craig Armstrong, Darren Williams, Jamie Lee-Hill and Rory Brown, played against staff members at the Horsfall Stadium.

Many staff members from Bradford Teaching Hospitals took part and contributed to the fun filled day on the pitch including our Project SEARCH Bradford Intern, Rahim.

The Bradford Hospitals' match raised £2,500 to kick start the Rays a Smile appeal which aims make radiology services more child-friendly, and was a great success.





Life Skills Training at Barclays

In May, our interns had the brilliant opportunity of visiting Barclays, Bradford.

They had the chance to spend the day with several Barclays staff members, and complete some of their Life Skills training. They learnt about budgeting income, including tax payments and pensions. Interns also learned about scams, phishing/smishing, and keeping safe.

The interns were very lucky to be shown around the building, also the interns had the chance to see different job roles and responsibilities within Barclays. The interns would like to thank the staff for both their time and hospitality, with special thanks to Chris and Jason who organised and delivered the training.



CV Drop: Applying for Jobs

Our interns have two more months left on the programme, and are now searching for employment. They have just begun their third rotations, and alongside this are actively job searching when they return back from their placements to the base room.

In April, our interns had the opportunity of going into Bradford town centre, to look for different potential businesses and job opportunities that would match their skills, qualities and experiences that they have gained whilst on their rotations at Project SERACH Bradford.



The interns visited banks, building societies, cafes, retail outlets and other respective businesses to hand deliver their CVs to managers.

Good luck to the interns, we hope you all find paid employment soon!

What's Next? We are looking forward to our interns' Graduation Ceremony later in the summer, as well as getting to know our new interns who will be joining us in September 2019.

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