

#hope

A week of work experience



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with Lia, Beverley, and other @TrentUni colleagues**

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Introduction



Hello, my name is Christina and I play the cello. I like sweets and chocolate. I dream to be a detective or work in forensics and in my week of work experience at Nottingham Trent University I have learnt that I can do anything I set my mind to, even if it's completely unrelated to what I do at GCSE or A-level. I am scared of spiders but I am not scared to follow my dreams and build the future I want. I am very good at encouraging others to be the best they can be and quality education gives me wings.

My role in the Language Centre @TrentUni (3–7 Feb 2020)

Creative Learning Manager

Observe workshops and one-to-one tutorials for international students at NTU and make suggestions on how to improve their experience

Select key ideas from a small number of publications related to creativity, innovation and collaboration in higher education

Contribute to preparing a written output of the work experience week and accompanying visual and digital resources

Work closely with colleagues to complete agreed work.

The role description was developed by Lia Blaj-Ward & Beverley Makin. Lia and Beverley planned the work experience schedule and supervised my work.

Three SDGs underpinned my work experience week

Quality education (SDG 4). Quality education will help children and adults realise their dreams can come true. The goal is to ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning.

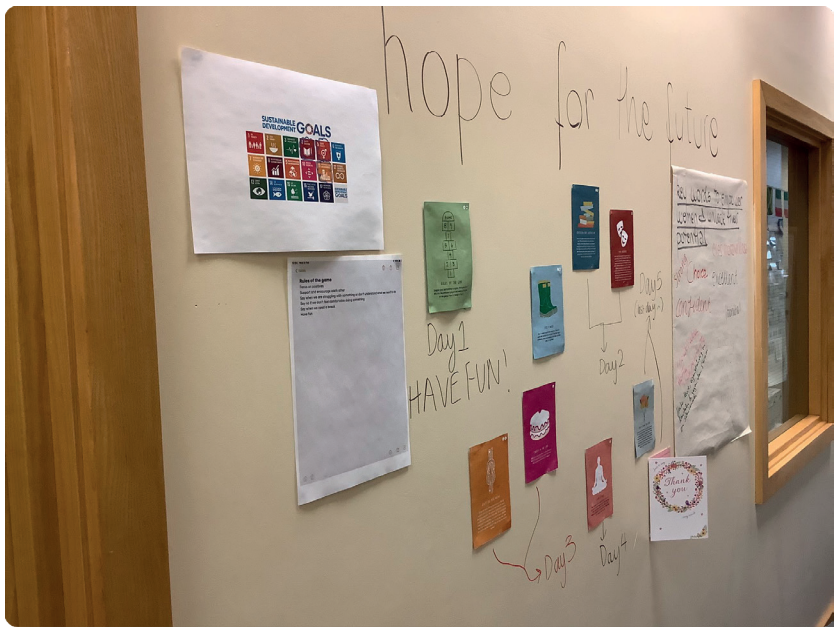
Gender equality (SDG 5). The goal is to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. It is important that all genders everywhere get the same opportunities and rights.

Sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11). Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. Everybody has the right to live in an environment they enjoy.



We used @se_dyer Appreciate Cards

We stuck the cards on our “hope for the future” wall in the Language Centre. The two that I liked the most were “take a walk” because I really enjoyed exploring the campus and “your audience” because I liked meeting new people and finding out about their careers and how they got to where they are today.



Message from Karen



Dr Lia Blaj-Ward (SFHEA)
@LiaBlajWard



Karen Randell @NTUHUM_DD @TrentUni encouraged Christina from @NottmGirlsAcad to reach for the stars, believe in herself & champion workplaces which celebrate equality, diversity and inclusion. #NCW2020 #NGAGirlsCan



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Hope for the future, part 1



The graduation venue @TrentUni. We hope to see you and your friends here, Christina, in a few years' time...

Afua (@NTSUpEDUCATION) & Bradley (@NTSUPresident)

Hope for the future, part 2



View from the top floor in @TrentUni's Newton Building. The sky's the limit, Christina!

Afua (@NTSUvpEDUCATION) & Bradley (@NTSUPresident)

Important things I've learnt from...

Beverley Makin (Subject Coordinator & Team Leader)



Collaboration is very important. Sometimes, what you plan on doing for your career isn't what you end up doing (what you end up doing is better!).

Rachel Bancroft (Learning & Teaching Manager)



You shouldn't count yourself out of anything, it is very important to build brilliant relationships. Also, having someone that believes in you is very helpful.

Hannah Boydon



Women are excellent role models. Hannah is married to Dave, the Head of the Language Centre @TrentUni, and she is one of his role models.

Liz Lacey (HR Project Manager)



Even though, being a manager, you have to be professional and strict, you should always treat people with respect. Collaboration is very important: it can only work if you understand who you are working with. The most important skill is to be able to build trust with others.

Monica Henderson (International Marketing Officer)



It's okay not to know what you want to do before you start your career, doing work experience will help!

Hetti Moore (Lecturer, conversation via FaceTime)



You should be true to yourself and not worry unnecessarily about what others think of you. Being confident is sometimes difficult but we can all reach our full potential. Flexible working helps you do this.

Michelle Robertson (School Management Administrator)



It is important to do a job you love because it makes you feel energised and you can inspire and support others better. That's what makes a workplace a supportive, sustainable community.

Katherine Rodriguez Galvan (Information Assistant)



Libraries are amazing places, with friendly, helpful staff.

Naomi Jordan (Educational Developer)



Don't be afraid of spiders! Also, it's important to know how to work with people from very different backgrounds because everybody has something of value that they can contribute.

Jane Vickers (Lecturer)



If you can dream something, you can achieve it!

I'd like to say...

Thank you!

to

my family

@NottmGirlsAcad

Yokana

@TrentUni colleagues

@NTUCensce

@claireknee

@alkegw

@se_dyer

@Work_by_Design

& everyone else who contributed to the work experience week
in some form or another

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Go well with your studies, have a good life, Christina, and when in doubt, keep calm and drink tea!

Lia
@LiaBlajWard

PS Or hot chocolate... 😊.

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