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NEWSLETTER

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Rotation 2

Important Dates:

Friday 31st March

Finish for Easter Holiday

Tuesday 18th April

Return to work.

Begin Rotation 3

Saturday 29th April
Marriott Oscars

Since January, the Project SEARCH interns have built on the skills they acquired in Rotation I and learnt the new skills required for their second work placements. They have continued improving their social skills, built working relationships with a new team of co-workers and demonstrated improved self confidence. The Marriott staff have continued to support and encourage the interns, making them feel very much a part of their departments.

On 19th January, Anne
O'Bryan Project
SEARCH Programme
Specialist for Europe,
visited the Marriott. She
was pleased to see that
the interns were fully
immersed in the workplace and already
displaying the attitude to

work that the Marriott requires. Anne attended the first of two Open Evenings, where she joined Linda Hawkins, Andy Bunker and Michael Vickery, who informed parents and potential interns about Project SEARCH.



Anne
O'Bryan
speaking at
the January
Open
Evening

Open Evening 2 - Monday 20th February



A second Open Evening was held on 20th February. Some of our interns spoke to the audience about their Project SEARCH experience and lead tours around the hotel.



Intern Quotes:

Working here has given me the confidence to talk to people I don't know.

Jason Mann

I like my supervisors and I don't want to let them down. I will miss them when I leave.

Sushma Ganesh

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL VICKERY,

THE FIRST OF OUR
INTERNS TO SECURE
EMPLOYMENT. HE WILL
BE WORKING IN THE
CONFERENCE &
BANQUETING DEPT. AT
THE MARRIOTT HOTEL.

Heathrow Jobs and Careers Fair

On Thursday 9th February, Interns visited the Heathrow Jobs and Careers Fair at the Sofitel Hotel, Heathrow. The event is aimed at young people aged 16-24 and it enables airport based employers with live vacancies to meet young people from the local area. It is an opportunity for Heathrow's future workforce to find out about the careers available and the skills required. Interns were able to visit stands and collect information from participating companies.

Interns Of The Month

December



Ashlee Monger Sales & Finance

January



Brian Wallington Engineering

February



Rhianna Lavender Public Areas House Keeping

Family Involvement

Employment Planning Meetings were held on 7th February and 21st March. The attendance of parents at these meetings is important, to show support for the interns and family involvement in job searching is encouraged. Looking out for advertised vacancies when out and about in your local community, and networking among friends and family

could help to get our young adults into work. Please let the Project SEARCH staff know if you find a possible job opportunity, and we will support the intern with their application.

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Disability Confident Event



Fiona, Rhianna and Ashlee with a Disability Confident Event organiser.

On Wednesday 1st March, interns Rhianna Lavender and Ashlee Monger were invited to join Fiona Conlon-Benz, Marriott HR Manager, at the Disability Confident Event at the Sheraton Heathrow Hotel. Fiona gave an overview of the **Project SEARCH**

Programme. She spoke about the skills and talents the interns have brought to the Marriott Hotel and how their internships have helped them to prepare for work. Rhianna and Ashlee also spoke to the audience about their experiences as Project SEARCH interns.

The Mayor's Charity Dinner

All interns were invited to work at the Mayor's Annual Charity Dinner which was held at the Marriott Hotel on Thursday 9th March. They were responsible for meeting, greeting and registering guests, checking in coats, directing guests, and serving refreshments to the entertainers. Our interns did a great job and showed themselves at their best. They spoke afterwards about how they had enjoyed the experience and laden said that he would like to do it all again!



Sushma Ganesh directed guests in the charity auction area.

Happy Easter

Our Interns have now completed their second cycle for them to perfect their of employment. In Transition Week they have updated their Vocational and Training Profiles, C.V's and Log Books. They have spent a lot of time practising interview

skills as it is important answers to interview questions. Rotation 3 work placements have been arranged, and interviews will take place at the end of the week. We have also been working on our own Project SEARCH video. We finish for the Easter Break on Friday 31st March and return on Tuesday 18th April. The Project SEARCH team wish you a Happy Easter.



Interns return to work on Tuesday 18th April.