

SUCCESS STORY

Capgemini Community Challenge!

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“The week highlighted that teamwork really makes the dream work.”



Why did you apply?

I'd applied to the Capgemini Community Challenge because I was interested in gaining experience in real-life projects, which affect real-life charities/businesses. It seemed to be a great opportunity to put my skills into practice, especially in a technology consulting firm, which drives business and innovation. I was fond of this idea of using my skills and knowledge to help charities improve, as a way to give back to the community.

Why would you recommend it to others?

I would recommend this challenge to others because it offers them the experience to build on various skills, such as teamwork, analytical thinking and communication. Also, it is an opportunity to showcase skills, such as networking, presentation and public speaking. I would highly recommend the Capgemini Community Challenge because it exposes students to the business world, but also to society, charities and the public sector, where you can see the value of your work contributing to the community.

What skills have you gained from the experience?

I developed stronger teamwork abilities from this experience, as we divided tasks amongst ourselves, with kept communicating and updating each other. It also tested my resilience, to not give up and keep on contacting suppliers, until I found what the charity needed; as a result, I had contacted over 30 local suppliers. Moreover, I had learnt great skills in flexibility, as we had to adapt to constant changes in the project.

What successes did you experience?

I was mainly responsible for providing our charity affordable, local suppliers for their stock. I was successful in finding a range of suppliers for different items they sell, and I provided detailed recommendations from a business perspective. As a team, we were successful in boosting the charity's social media presence on Facebook, Twitter and their website. In addition, we provided suggestions to their technical and practical issues, such as having a lack of Wi-Fi access and no toilet facilities.