

SUCCESS STORY

Capgemini Community Challenge!

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“I learned so much about teamwork and how to present interactive presentations in such a short amount of time.”



Why did you apply?

Intrigued by the way such a well-established, corporate company gets directly involved with charity work, I was instantly drawn to applying for the Capgemini Community Challenge. Having been involved in charity work in the past, I saw this opportunity to be very different in that I would be able to complete a project to have a much larger impact to a charity, as a way of giving back for the service they provide for the community.

What skills have you gained from the experience?

How to create engaging, interactive presentations and present to a professional audience. I also gained valuable leadership and collaboration skills. Also, working under pressure, with such a short amount of time to produce deliverables for a client and so I learned how to get along with a team of new members with different personalities. I have gained key time management and organisation skills that I can carry forward into any future work I do in the professional workplace.

Why would you recommend it to others?

This type of experience cannot be gained through any of the modules you study during your degree course. The Capgemini Community Challenge gives you the opportunity to further your skills, putting them to use for a worthy cause. Being able to solve the needs of a charity and to have an impact is very rewarding. You also get such valuable feedback from your individual mentors which is quite detailed and so useful to be able to better yourself through this.

What successes did you experience?

I saw my own confidence grow very quickly, with no time to feel nervous as we had, what felt like spontaneous presentations in front of clients and senior consultants. I learned how to handle project tasks in a professional way. Although the project involved a lot of work, as my team jelled well together and we were all so passionate about the charity's services, it didn't feel like hard work at all, but in actual fact, a lot of fun.