

SUCCESS STORY

Capgemini Community Challenge!

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Why did you apply?

As a typical first year student, I'd perhaps spent too much time enjoying myself rather than thinking about my future. When I received an e-mail inviting me to apply for the Community Challenge, I saw it as a perfect opportunity to demonstrate to my parents that I was at least trying to act like a responsible person. I never actually expected to be successful in the application process so being accepted onto the week was a very welcome surprise.

Why would you recommend it to others?

You may feel that your CV is already full to the brim with work experience and placements but in reality you may not have actually done any 'work' whilst on these. There is a huge difference between making the teas and coffees and having full responsibility for a consultancy solution for a charity. The experience of being the first port of contact for an organisation is both a scary but fulfilling one, which left me feeling like a veteran consultant after only a week. Alongside the value the week provides, Capgemini put an incredible amount of work in to make the week as enjoyable as possible and even if you decide the kind of work you end up doing isn't for you, you won't regret the experience of the week regardless.

College of Social Sciences
Business Management (with Year in Industry)

"I was amazed at how much I learnt about myself during such a short space of time. Do not let this hugely valuable opportunity pass you by!"

What skills have you gained from the experience?

My team was made up of five people with completely different skillsets and being able to identify our strengths and weaknesses at an early stage of the week was vital in ensuring a successful project delivery. This allowed for everyone to focus on what they could contribute best to the task and as the week progressed I was able to develop a great degree of trust in the person sitting next to me and their ability to complete what was required of them.

What successes did you experience?

Individually my greatest success was the amount I was able to learn about my strengths and weaknesses in such a short space of time. Having had time to look back on what I did during the week, I've realised I'm far more comfortable with public speaking and interacting with people than I'd ever assumed. As a team our greatest success was in the number of deliverable solutions we were able to offer our charity, Telford Crisis Support.

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