

# SUCCESS STORY

## Capgemini Community Challenge!

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*“I will remember the Challenge for years to come, enormously challenging but rewarding.”*



### Why did you apply?

I applied for the Capgemini Community Challenge because I am particularly interested in working in the field of Consultancy after University and this challenge presents more than just an insight into the Consulting Industry, as there is a high level of responsibility that entails a number of hands-on tasks as well as problems to solve. Moreover it is a particularly large and relatively unknown opportunity for first-year students who are interested in consulting.

### What skills have you gained from the experience?

To begin with there is the element of time-management, as you find out about the deliverables on Monday and need to find and present a solution by Friday, hence working efficiently, effectively and productively within these few days is of paramount importance- in other words, every day has to count. This directly ties in with the aspect of communication both with your team and your charity, as this enables you to have a clear strategy throughout the week so that at the end of the challenge can meet your objectives.

### Why would you recommend it to others?

At the end of the day it's not just about the personal experience you get from the Challenge but also what you can give back to local charities that make such an unnoticed contribution to society. Capgemini pays particular focus to choosing some phenomenal charities, who work hard but need the help and guidance of enthusiastic students. Hence this week can be seen from two perspectives, firstly how it can improve you and give an experience in Consultancy, and secondly how you can help charities in the Midlands area to continue their fantastic work and potentially provide a platform for them to further elevate this work.

### What successes did you experience?

Our team (TLC) were the overall winners of the 2017 Challenge due to the fact that we met and exceeded the deliverables set out to us at the beginning of the week. Our group of five had three deliverables from the outset, with two of the deliverables being split up between the other four people in our team and I was solely responsible for my deliverable. Being the youngest in our group, this was something I particularly relished.