



Northwick Park Hospital Project SEARCH Newsletter

Winter 2019

The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.

Phil Jackson

Good, better, best.
Never let it rest. 'Til your
good is better and your
better is best.

St. Jerome

The time it takes to
explain why something
isn't possible could be
used instead to do
something to make it
possible.

Anonymous

Knowing is not enough;
we must apply. Willing
is not enough; we must
do.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Autumn Term comes to a close...

With the festive season starting and Christmas break fast approaching the Project SEARCH team here at Northwick Park Hospital just wanted to give you an update on how the first term of the programme this year has gone.

Some Highlights...

Ten young people has achieved their full Trust induction and four young people have also achieved their Food Safety Certificates from one of our programme partners Medirest, following some intensive training during their first term on the programme.

Emma & Chizoro represented the Project SEARCH Team at the West London Alliance Supported Internship Fair where they were kept very busy with enquiries about the programme running here at Northwick Park Hospital. A lovely picture of last year's Project SEARCH interns made the front cover the brochure too.

We have had two interns with their departments considering them for vacancies and one intern attend a job interview, our earliest yet, and we are all eagerly awaiting the outcome so please keep your fingers crossed for a positive outcome.

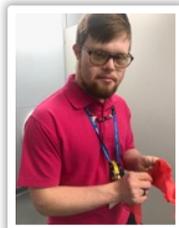
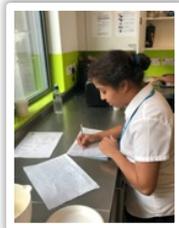


The Interns and their Tutor back in September when they started



Emma, one of our Job Coaches and Chizoro, our helpful Support Officer set out their stall at the WLA Supported Internship Fair this November

Programme Partners include:



Department Managers & Mentors

This term our interns have been working in Jacks Place and on Carroll ward, in Pick & Pack and back office administration in Patient Dining, Medical Equipment Library, Central Stores, Domestic Stores, Linen & Laundry, Post Room and Domestics.

Without the support of the Managers and Mentors within these departments our interns would not have had the opportunity to gain the employment skills that they have during the last three months, so we would like to express our gratitude to each and every one of them.

Thank you for your continued support

Employment Planning Meetings

All completed for the first term! Skills acquisitions and journeys shared, targets and goals met reviewed and revised ready to start the New Year with continuing aspirations and their eye on the end game of paid employment!

#realjobs #aiminghigh

Chance meetings and an elevator pitch... it's good to talk!

How amazing is it to be waiting for the lift and you strike up a conversation with someone who has already had heard about the Project SEARCH programme and is so keen to learn more, that they invite you up to their office to find out how they can get involved and support the programme going forward. Maria Luscomb and her team of Paediatric Therapists already know many of our graduate employees and current interns from their work in the community. They have also invited us to come and present at one of their team meetings in the New Year so that they can share information about the programme with the schools and colleges they work with in the local area, with the aim of encouraging more young people to apply to come on the programme next year in September 2020. We thank you for interest and support.

Planning Ahead...

Here you can see Thenesh, one of this year's interns, presenting his journey on Project SEARCH so far, to the families of students who have expressed an interest in coming onto the programme in September 2020. He spoke about how he spends his day working in Central Stores and how he has learnt to navigate his way all-round the hospital to make deliveries.



How can you get involved?

If you are interesting to learn more about the Project SEARCH programme and how you could get involved in support young people with learning disabilities and/or autism to gain the skills required to get a paid job, then please do get in touch. You could invite us to come to one of your team meetings to talk about the programme, you could offer a placement for one of our interns to learn new skills or develop existing skills at the same time as helping your team of department by providing an extra pair of willing hands!

The Project SEARCH is based on level three directly below the main reception of the hospital towards the front of the building, so you are welcome to pop down for a visit. Alternatively, please contact:

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**On behalf of the Project SEARCH Team at Northwick Park Hospital
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year**

