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VISITORS

City Works visit:

Students from the City of Glasgow College City Works course visited Project SEARCH at the University on **1st October** and were very interested to find out more about Project SEARCH. They asked us many questions about what Project SEARCH is and how our placements were going. We were happy to answer all the questions.

Ken O'Doherty Visit

On the **2nd of October** we had a visitor called Ken O'Doherty from a company called PJs Foods; he discussed what position he is at in the company, where they distribute food to, what he had done in the past and how he got to the position he's in today. He also answered questions we asked but the most important thing he came in for was to discuss our food hygiene training as he's going to deliver this to us on November 2nd (keep an eye out for this in next month's newsletter). **We would like to thank Ken for taking the time to visit us.**

SOCIAL OUTINGS

Past

MEAL

On **Wednesday 10th October** Stuart, Pervinder and myself (Scott) went out for an evening meal at Romans pizza restaurant after work. We all enjoyed our pizzas and two of us also enjoyed a delicious dessert. This restaurant is located in the Merchant City and we would definitely recommend it for a visit.



Future

CINEMA TRIP

Some of the interns here at Project SEARCH have planned our next social outing. We plan to go to Cineworld on Renfrew St on **Monday the 29th of October**. The movie of choice is 'Venom' and it starts at 3:20pm so early finish for the 4 interns who are going to see the film. We hope those that are going have a great time and enjoy the film. (Some interns have had to cancel for different reasons).

First-Aid Training

On **Thursday the 11th and Friday the 12th of October** we undertook First-Aid training. This consisted of being taught the steps and scenarios in which we would use first-aid.

We looked at:

- Choking
- Recovery Position.
- Cuts and Bandaging
- Burns
- CPR



We would like to thank the staff from security services who delivered this training – Simon Bainbridge, Steven Venetis and Sandra Romanes.

Past and Upcoming Events

Past

Interview with Gordon McKenzie (Head of Security Services)

On **Tuesday the 23rd of October**, we invited the Head of Security at the University of Strathclyde, Gordon McKenzie, to undertake an interview about what his job entails. The whole class compiled a list of eighteen questions for this interview.

Anthony and Jordan (Fraser) carried out this interview, where Gordon discussed what points he looks for when interviewing potential job candidates. He also went on to discuss tips and observations that he would offer us for when we were in an interview situation as well as the specific things that he looks for in a CV.

Siobhan is hopefully going to provide a transcript of this session.

We would like thank Gordon for giving up his valuable time to talk to us.

Edinburgh Event

On **Tuesday 23rd October** Morgan volunteered to go through to Edinburgh (with Siobhan) to take part in a consultation about the possibility of having National Autism Awards. This discussion took place in Number 6 (The One-Stop Shop for autistic adults). Further discussions are going to take place to get more input from autistic people before deciding.

Family Involvement Meeting

This parent/guardian meeting took place on **Thursday the 25th of October**. Family members were invited in to learn more about the project, what their young person has been doing, and how they can be involved to help their young person gain employment. Employment planning meetings were also organised at this time. Most parents were able to attend and got the opportunity to meet each other as well as hear from a parent of one of last year's interns. **Thanks to Moira Cartwright for coming along to speak.** They also got the opportunity to meet Audrey, who has recently started working on Project SEARCH.

Future

Mock Interviews

On **Monday the 29th and Tuesday the 30th October** the interns will take part in their first mock interviews. This is to help the students of Project SEARCH to better prepare themselves for what real interviews in the world of work will be like. **We like to thank Barry Allardice and Maureen McMillan for taking the time to help us with this.**

Training

Friday 2nd November - Ken from PJs Foods will be coming in to deliver Food Hygiene Training to all the interns.

Tuesday 6th November – Security Services from the University will be delivering Customer Service Training to all the interns (and Staff from Project SEARCH as well).

THANKS AND GOODBYE

Helen McGillivray has been working at Project SEARCH for six years and over two years here at the University of Strathclyde and has done a fantastic job. We have only been here a few months and we have seen the trouble she has went through to help us. We would hate to imagine the trouble she goes through to help Siobhan!

We wish her well and she will be sadly missed. Good luck to her in her new venture.

WELCOME

Welcome to **Audrey Harrower** who is the new job coach on Project SEARCH. Audrey can be contacted on the number previously used by Helen – 07584 217872. Her email address is Audrey.harrower@strath.ac.uk.

