Project SEARCH Newsletter:
August/September Edition
Welcoming Interns 2015-16 Issue

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Hi everyone, we would like to introduce our new cohort of 10 Interns.

We held a coffee morning for the new Interns and their families on 21st of August, ahead of the interns starting in the classroom on 31st of August.

We are at the start of Autumn, or Fall as it is otherwise known. Soon the leaves on the trees will turn into lovely different colours of orange, red, yellow, brown and tiny hints of green.

We also have some information about Eden Scott, a local business supporting and helping us prepare the interns for the world of work by hosting Interview training sessions.

by Lisa Mant
My name is Ben Laird, I am aged 18 and I live in Aberdeen. My interests are Swimming, running and walking. My 1st Internship is at the Hardback Café, I am going to make coffee, fill the fridge and serve customers.

My name is Callum Menzies, I am aged 17 and I live in Aberdeen. My interests are Football and PS 4. My first internship is at Maintenance as an ICT assistant and the tasks that I might have will be creating job sheets on the computer.

My name is Andrew Whyte and I am aged 21. I live in Fraserburgh. My Interests are Fishing, pool, snooker and tennis. My first Internship is a Porter, tasks that I will be doing are Delivering mail, parcels and setting up rooms.
My name is Dale Allan
I am aged 18 I live in Blackburn
My interests are Xbox/ Play Station 3 games, bike, birds and cartoons
My 1st internship is as a Porter, the tasks include sorting and delivering mail

My name is Erin Troup, I am aged 16
I live in Northfield, Aberdeen
My interests are Xbox, Travelling and Shopping.
My first internship is a Porter at Hillhead halls, tasks that I am doing will be Taking out the rubbish, mail delivery, cash handling and assisting students, staff and visitors

My Name is Jack Watt , I am aged 18 and I live in Danestone, Aberdeen. My interests are Playing Xbox One, Watching Sport, comedies, films and Reading Sport autobiographies.
My first internship is based in the Library, I will be doing tasks such as sorting books, cataloguing books, finding the broken and missing books and CD’s.
My name is James Cantlay, I am aged 19 and I live in Peterhead. My interests are Grand Prix Racing, Listening to the Radio and Swimming. My 1st internship is with Music Administration, I will be Using computers and cataloguing cassettes to mp3.

My name is Meghan Weston, I am aged 17 and I live in Fyvie.
My interests are Baking, Watching TV and going out with my friends.
My first internship is as a Catering Assistant at the Hub, the tasks I there are Cleaning up, washing dishes, using the till and serving customers.

My name is Marc Milne, I am aged 17 and a half and I live in Portsoy.
My interests are Xbox, movies, building.
My 1st Internship is at the Hub shop the tasks there are Serving customers, stocking shelves, cleaning shop.
My name is Zachary Hale, I am aged 20 and I live in Aberdeen.

My interests are Anime Chinese cartoons/ Super Samurai Power Rangers and Xbox.

My 1st internship is with Delivering Catering the task I will be doing are Making kit boxes and delivering them to meetings and around campus.
Project SEARCH Coffee Morning: Friday 21st of August

The new Interns, with a few of their family members, came to King’s Pavilion for a Coffee Morning, where they enjoyed cups of tea and coffee, some juice and also a selection of cakes.

We got together so interns and family could ask questions and just to have a catch up with the other new interns and their families to get to know each other.

Interns picked up half of their uniform, receiving the rest on their first day at Project SEARCH. Interns were also given their cards for getting into the building.

It was a nice day with visits from graduated interns Kieran and Connor.
Eden Scott is supporting Project SEARCH University of Aberdeen. This Aberdeen based recruitment business are giving their recruitment experience by coaching interns of the programme with their job search by hosting interview training sessions. They are helping to support Project SEARCH University of Aberdeen to prepare the interns for the world of work.

About them: Eden Scott was launched in 2009 as an oil, gas and professional service recruitment firm. They have grown since they launched, working across a variety of sectors including engineering, accountancy, HR, Business Support and Legal Markets. They also deliver a range of often complex recruitment solutions in both commercial and technical staffing markets across permanent, temporary and contract positions.

Processor Neva Haites, Vice Principal of Development, Equality and Diversity at the University of Aberdeen said “I am delighted that Eden Scott have embraced the Project SEARCH programme and are so willing to provide our interns with the benefit of their professional expertise. The ongoing support and commitment from our local business community is central to the continuing success of our inspirational programme and I welcome the exciting opportunities which I am sure this partnership will bring”

Link to Eden Scott website:
http://www.edenscott.com/
Orientation weeks: Week 1:
Interns started the week doing their one page profiles, then were visited by a social care class from NESCol to learn about Project SEARCH.

The Interns took a look around the fresher's tent and Finished off the week by finalising CV’s and cover letters to apply for 1st internships.

Week 2:

Week 3:

Interns were visited by a second social care class to learn about Project SEARCH, the Interns stood up and talked to the group this time.

Interns completed with mock interviews in class before being interviewed for their 1st internships around the University campus. Interns also completed a number of communication and team building activities.
Pictures from the social care student’s visit.
Family Pizza Night:
Tuesday 22nd of September

It was held at Project SEARCH Kings Pavilion. Everyone gave a speech about themselves, gave our introduction about project SEARCH and we spoke about our internship and Family involvement program. We served up pizza, drinks and we had a game of ice breakers, which everyone including parents introduced themselves to the group. The Project SEARCH interns hosted the evening, that the Interns and family came along to. We enjoyed Socialising and communication and Finished off the night by thanking all who came on the night and had lots of volunteers from parents to join the family involvement group.

You’re sincerely
Andrew and Marc
What Happening in the next few Months?

Fire Walk: Thursday 5th November

Meet the interns: Tuesday 10th November

Christmas Lunch: December, Date yet to be decided.