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Welcome Message from the Project SEARCH University of Aberdeen onsite Team.

Hi everyone, February has been a busy month for us.

Kieran Litherland-Payne came to speak to this year’s interns to talk about his experiences since finishing PS. Also, the interns had their manual handling training, with Gordon from F1 Training.

We also held an Open Day for people who are interested in next year’s Project SEARCH, where Dale did a presentation to them. He and other interns took them for on tours of the Campus.

A Good News Story!

Two of our interns from last year got a job with NORCO.

By Lisa Mant
One of our former Interns of 2014-15 Kieran Litherland-Payne came to talk to our current Interns. They found it interesting and useful to hear a point of view from someone who has completed Project SEARCH.

Gordon from F1 training came to do an Manual training workshop with the Interns doing activities to see the best and safest ways to lift and move at work. The Interns all will get an Manual Training certificate for taking part in the workshop.
An interns’ point of view of the day: By Dale Allan

We had the open day on Wednesday, there were a lot of people that showed up to the day. We had on the day, 50+ people and we had the talks. I did a presentation in front of all the people that were interested in next year’s Project SEARCH. Then we had our tours for the people that want to do Project SEARCH next year, I took a tour with Meghan and Zach. After the tours, we came back to the classroom where they asked questions before leaving.

On Wednesday 10th of February, people who are interested in Project SEARCH next year came to our Open Day event, it started with an welcome speech by Mark from the Botanic Gardens (who did an tour for those who are interested in gardening later on). Before one of our current interns, Dale did an excellent talk about how PS works. Andrew with Catriona introduced him to the group of people that were there. Later on we finished the day with tours of different worksites around the University by our current Interns. It was overall a great day, We hope it gave them all a lot more information.

Other Events this month:
School Visit: Bucksburn Academy Careers Fair
At my internship 2, I am doing a marketing internship. I check the emails, the Facebook and Twitter. I take photos and writing for the newsletter also I did a talk for the open day and give tours of the site.

Dale

Catering is my 2nd Internship where I am learning about the different kitchen utensils and I have been serving customers.

Ben

In my second internship I am an administrator in the music department at MacRobert Building; I do excel on the computer, register students names for the music department and I do other general office tasks.

Meghan
James

For my 2nd internship I am with Maintence Department as an admin assistant where I am doing job sheets so that other workers can complete repairs. I sign these off once the repair has been completed.

I am in the Finance offices for my second internship, where I am working on scanning and ordering different financial documents as well as other office tasks.

Andrew

My second Internship, is with the Audio Visual Department which I go around campus setting up monitors and projector screens in rooms.

Marc

I am working at Hillhead, doing a cleaning internship where I wash and hoover stairs and hallways in the student accommodation.

I am cleaning the washing machines and dryers and mop the floors in the laundries with the other cleaners.

Jack

For my 2nd internship I am with Maintence Department as an admin assistant where I am doing job sheets so that other workers can complete repairs. I sign these off once the repair has been completed.
Erin

My 2nd internship is at the Rocking Horse Nursery where I assist in helping look after the little kids working along side the nursery staff.

Callum

As my second internship as a trades assistant with the Electrical Maintenance team, tasks that I have been doing are fitting light bulbs and electrical repairs around the campus.

Zach

I work in the first floor office filling in Databases and checking if DVDs are working properly, I also do the DLA scanning. I work with Mark one of the staff there by going out in the Van to the KCC building to hunt for books and to put them back in their right places. I also stack the books on the shelves in the Heavy demand area, I also put the books in order on the trolley by number on the stickers.
Name: Ben Laird

Reason:

- He has tried to do his work as hard as he can, he's not afraid to ask for help when he needs help it has been a challenge for him but he does try and he treats all the interns with
- He shows respect as well as kindness
- He has done well this month especially for the open day as he did very well on the tour by giving very detailed information to the people who went to his and Andrew's tour.
- He searched a good job that suits him and a responsible one. He won the prize for choosing the best job and he has been getting involved in the group discussions a lot this month.
What Happening Next Month?: Writing by Heather for the E-zine

- SDS Training Second Visit
- Second Visit to Sainsbury's
- Youth Recruitment Event
- GCC Lunch and Learn Event

Other Partners Events: North East Scotland College Open Day

**GCC Lunch and Learn Event**

The award-winning Project SEARCH University of Aberdeen team has been selected to present a Lunch ‘N’ Learn event by Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce. The event, called “Spotlight on Project SEARCH “ will take place on 15 March in Waterloo Quay, Aberdeen and the team hopes that it will encourage even more local businesses to become involved in the programme.

Mrs. Heather Crabb, who is the Employer Partner Co-ordinator for the project within the University explained “This event is a fantastic opportunity for members of the local business community to find out more about this inspirational project, and hopefully become part of our team by mentoring one of our Interns, delivering workshops or providing us with advice from a business perspective. Our Interns are looking forward to the event and will be on hand to showcase their portfolios and talents to a wide range of prospective employers”.

Professor Neva Haites, Vice Principal, who will be co-hosting the event with Mrs Anne O'Bryan, Project SEARCH European Program Co-ordinator said “I am delighted that our proposal was selected by the Chamber and am very grateful to our partner, Aberdeenshire Council, for sponsoring our attendance at it. The Chamber has been very supportive of the project and I am looking forward to our first large-scale event in partnership with them. This event gives us a platform to reach out to members of the local business community we otherwise would not have been able to engage with - I hope that the dedication and enthusiasm of our Project SEARCH team and our Interns encourages them to support the valuable work we are doing”.

Further information about the event is available on the Chamber’s website: [http://www.agcc.co.uk/networking-events](http://www.agcc.co.uk/networking-events)