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Hi everyone, this month some of the interns, myself and Catriona walked across hot embers of ash and hardwood to raise money for Project SEARCH, we also held our Meet the Interns event to introduce employers and businesses to our interns of 2015. It was a great success with the interns running various stalls and interactive activities. Well done to those that managed to find all our interns in the ‘Intern Bingo’

In December we will have the Interns with be going to do a Training day at Sainsbury’s Berryden and we will have our Christmas Lunch. Those business people who are wanting to be mentors to this year interns there is an Mentoring Training Day.

By Lisa Mant
The FireWalk 5th November

We raised £1099.50 altogether by taking part in the FireWalk.
Review on the FireWalk

On the 5\textsuperscript{th} of November the new interns for the 3\textsuperscript{rd} year of Project SEARCH, did the FireWalk for Inspire. Most of the interns were given a sponsor form a few weeks before November to try and raise about £100 or more for both Inspire and Project SEARCH. We left Project SEARCH at 4pm as we had to get to Inspire for 4:45pm to sign up. We did some training activities at 5pm to prepare ourselves for what was to come. We saw people going up to break a board with a karate chop, people breaking an arrow into two with their neck, we also did vocal exercises. After the activities we all walked down to the beach to do the event. The instructor went first to test how hot it was but had to adjust the hot ash and hardwood to make it suitable for the participants. After the event everyone who participated went back up to Inspire to get a free burger or hotdog for completing the FireWalk and we all went down to watch the fireworks. It was an enjoyable night for the interns of Project SEARCH.

“It was kind of scary for me when it was my turn to go across the hardwood and hot ash as I literally froze on the spot so I had to ask the instructor to walk with me but finally managed to complete it.”

By Zach Hale
The University of Aberdeen Project SEARCH team hosted members of the local business community at its *Meet the Interns* event this week (Tuesday, November 10). During the event, a new online tool-kit called “*Interns Into Employment*” was launched. This new resource provides employers with information about the benefits of employing a Project SEARCH graduate and the financial incentives and other support mechanisms which are available to ensure their sustained employment. It is available online at [www.abdn.ac.uk/project-search](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/project-search).

Project SEARCH is a collaborative project between the University, Aberdeen-based charity Inspire, North East Scotland College, Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeen-shire Council. The one-year programme sees up to 12 Project SEARCH Interns, who are all registered students with North East Scotland College, spending a month in a classroom environment before embarking on internships in various roles and departments within the University. The event also provided an opportunity for employers within the local community to meet the 2015/16 cohort of Interns and to become involved in the programme, either as a Mentor or by delivering a workshop in their area of expertise. A ‘Question Time Panel’ provided an interactive forum where employers could engage with the Project SEARCH team to dispel some of the myths and identify ways to overcome the obstacles which can face the Interns in seeking and sustaining employment.

Professor Neva Haites, Vice Principal for Development at the University of Aberdeen, said: “Our Interns undertake an exciting journey within the University during their time with us and I know that they can benefit local organisations in so many ways. I appreciate that employing young people, particularly those with a disability, may seem daunting to employers. However, by producing this guide, we aim to provide local organisations with the additional guidance and support they need to encourage them to welcome our Interns as valued members of their teams.”

*Written by Heather Crabb.*
James: I think the event went really well’ It was a good opportunity to get to know everyone and introduce ourselves to employers.

Zach: I think the event went well as we got to see who our future employers would look like. It also went good when each of our stations had people coming over to ask us what our internships were and how we are doing at Project SEARCH.

Erin: I think the event went very well. It was a good chance to meet all the new people from all different companies.

Dale: I think that we did very good at are stations, the employers said we did very well and we had a very great time.

Callum: I think meet the interns went well because we met new people and they were interested to hear what we were doing in our internships.

Marc: I think meet the interns went very well, I enjoyed meeting new people and had a great chance to meet different employers which people would hardly get a chance to meet so many employers in one place.

Jack: I think Meet the interns went very well, the employers that came were very nice and good to talk to.

Ben: It went well because we know what doing. I liked talking to the people when they came over.
On the 10th of November 2015, Project SEARCH in Aberdeen held the annual meet the interns event; there were lots of different activities going on including fundraising, plant selling, some of the intern Video CVs and an guess the intern quiz. We had a number of guest speakers at the event who introduced the employer’s to project SEARCH and also told them about some of the work we do, the interns were all in charge of running the various stalls at the event and talking to the employers about what their Internships are. Finally just before the end of the Morning some of the interns got presented with their certificates for completing the Fire-Walk on 5th of November. Everyone really enjoyed the event and is looking forward to the next one. By James Cantlay
Meet Interns Event on 10 Nov 2015 Pictures.
Intern of the Month

Name: Meghan Weston

Reason: Because she is very good at her internship, being at different food stations and being polite to Customers. She is a helpful team player as well as the other Interns being challenged and keep them focused when they get distracted.
What’s happening next Month:

Sainsbury’s Training Day on 15th of December

Project SEARCH Christmas Lunch 2015 on
Friday 18th of December