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

Hi all! This month the Interns were focused on their first internships but also took part in classroom training like First Aid and other coursework, as well as visiting Absafe for the second time.

Written by Lisa Mant.

Communication Activity

Interns participated in a team building exercise, though this time the focus was on using non-verbal communication skills to build a Lego model. Here are some of the end results from the activity.
As part of the Interns basic training, they completed another course and gained a certificate in Emergency First Aid at Work. The interns took part in their first aid training taught by Sheena Holt from North East Scotland College.

Interns learned how to assess a casualty, taking it in turns to place fellow interns into the recovery position, and also how to perform CPR using Resusci-Anne models for adults and children.

Interns practised a variety of methods for bandaging different wounds and were very happy to have all passed the assessment at the end of the day.
**First Internship’s**

**Aiden:** For my first internship, I am working with the Porters at the University. My tasks are delivering mail to buildings around campus, taking out waste materials to the bins, moving furniture and setting up for

**Sean:** My internship is Administration in the Music Department at MacRobert. I usually do work such as filing, organising around the office or creating posters/slides for the plasma screens to illustrate when and where groups and individuals would be performing around the University as part of the concert series. I am given a random task or two each day so this role is teaching me to be flexible and work independently. This internship has given me several skills, such as further IT skills, filing and better communication skills.

**Callum:** My first Internship is as a General Assistant at the Suttie Centre at Forresterhill. It is my job to check and tidy rooms around the building, I stack chairs, set up rooms, deliver mail, fill printers, empty water dispensers, fix broken lockers and any other tasks required of me.
Owen: For my 1st internship I am doing grounds keeping. So far I have done a lot of work involving clearing leaves and painting lines on the playing fields. I have learned how a leaf blower works and will soon gain a certificate in operating a leaf blower. I have also been helping the team to empty bins, this involves going round the whole campus in the van and emptying all of the bins. I have also been helping out with weekly vehicle safety checks.

Zoe: My Internship with the Hardback Café at the Sir Duncan Rice Library as a Café Assistant is going well so far. I am having fun making coffee, using my customer service skills and stacking shelves with drinks.

Erin: I have been doing retail at the "Bare Essential" shop in the hub formally called the Hub shop. I've been placing the drinks in the fridge, restocking the crisps, tidying the stationery and talking to customers. Mostly I've been focusing on the drinks, since they always need to be refilled.
During their second visit to Absafe this year, the interns were taught more about safety in the workplace through a series of discussions, videos, and practical activities, such as spotting hazards in a work environment image. The Interns enjoyed their trip out of the classroom and are looking forward to the third visit at the end of term.

Next Month at Project SEARCH:

- Interns take part in the Inspire Annual FIREWALK!
- Meet the Interns Event, Dara Centre, Turriff.
- Project SEARCH Information Day
Intern of the Month

Owen Griffin

The reasons Interns gave for nominating Owen:

1. He has achieved a lot this month and has improved on his confidence more than ever the last few weeks.

2. He treats every one equally and fairly which is good.

3. He has been challenged at his ground keeping internship going to different locations around campus.

4. He knows what he is doing, He is friendly and a best friend to other Interns.