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## DFN Project SEARCH



What does the DFN project stand for?

It stands for

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DFN Project SEARCH is a transition to work programme for students with learning disabilities and autism spectrum conditions the goal of the programme is to hopefully at the end of their course to achieve paid employment.

As during their time at Project SEARCH, they will work at 3 different internships, this may include jobs such as cleaning, portering, admin, childcare and more. Although, they do not get paid during their time doing their internships, they will gain lots of experience of what having a job might entail.

There are 12 interns all together which are selected each year through an interview process these interns will not only be doing their internships they will also be in the classroom learning valuable skills like confidence building activities like presenting to the class, working in groups and gaining training in food hygiene, health and safety, manual handling and first aid, they will also be working towards a City and Guilds qualification and learn valuable IT skills.

Every intern will be required to start at 9am and meet at the Butchart building situated on the Aberdeen University campus they will be in the classroom from 9 – 10 working on various things with the classroom tutors and lectures from NESCol. Once this time has passed each intern will then travel on their own to their internships this could be on the university campus, or they may have to travel on the bus to internships such as NESCol or NHS etc. However, they will get help from their career coaches with some travel training or if they need help with anything in their internships and then arrive back to the Butchart building at 2 and continue classroom work until the finishing time at 4.

Now that you have found out about what Project SEARCH is and what it entails next let's go and meet the interns for this year!

My name is Sionead Ramshaw, I live in Aberdeen. My first internship is at hillhead with the portering and cleaning team. Some things I'm interested in include digital art, going on walks and playing games on my Xbox. I'm currently working on a book/comic series with my good friend Andrew we walk around our local park and share ideas.



Hi, my name Niall Ross Cormack Stewart, I live in Inverurie. My favourite Internship is Portering. My interests are going out for walk or cycling, going to the cinemas, going to model railway exhibitions, going on train trips around the UK, going to Aberdeen Model Railway Club, reading book or magazines about railways, watching tv especially documentaries about railways and World War two and taking photos of locomotives and rolling stock. My favourite animal is cat. Something interesting about me that I use to be part of the Elgin Model Railway Club for 8 years.



hello, my name is Jordan Andrew Thouless. I am 19 years old, and I live in Torry, Aberdeen.

I work (at the time of writing this) as a Facilities Staff intern at Woodhill House, the seat of the Aberdeenshire Council.

outside of work my hobbies include

- Film Critique, i enjoy meticulously picking apart different movies and analysing them on a deeper level.
- photography, when i get the chance i relish the opportunity to go out into wilderness areas to photograph landscapes and/or if possible, local fauna
- Airsoft, an active sport in much similarity to Paintball, however instead of paint airsoft utilises BB launching firearms.

My favourite Animal is either a Great Gray Owl or a Crow.

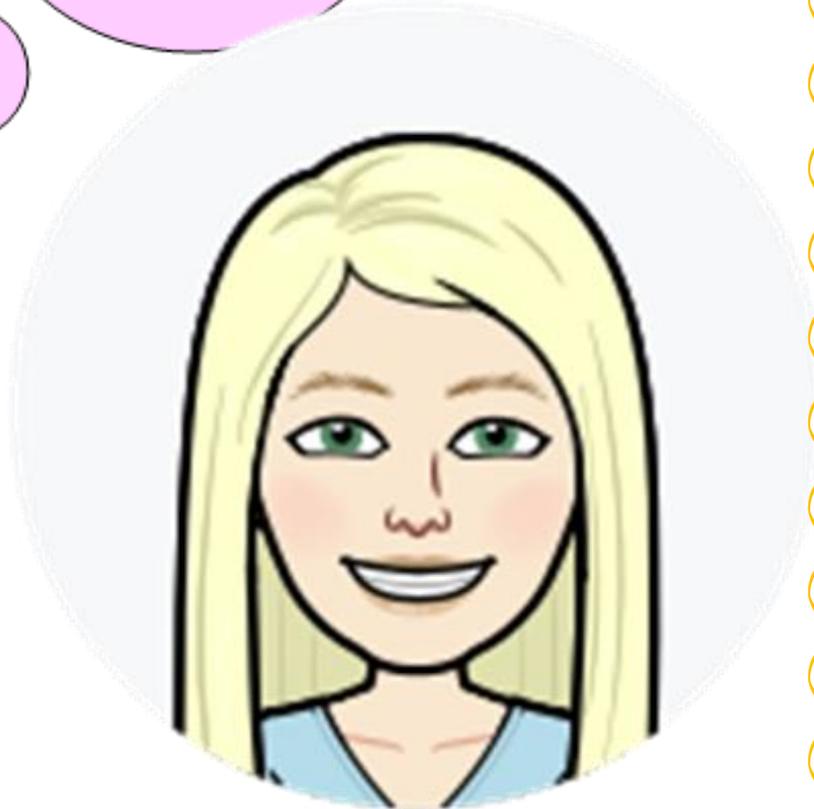
something interesting about myself is that i am one of the 1% of the population within the UK to be an INTJ personality type, at least according to the Myers Briggs Type Indicator test.



My name is Andrew. I live in Newburgh. My current internship is in retail at Bear essentials. My interests include reading, gaming and a GPS 'game' called Geocaching. My favourite animal is my Border Terrier Hamish (followed by an Eagle). My favourite game is the Geocaching and my favourite video games are in the Assassins Creed series. Something interesting about me is I go to a martial arts club on Mondays.



Hi, my name is Natalie Rose, I live in Dyce Aberdeen. My interests are walking my dog, going to exercise classes and going to the cinema. My favourite animal is the dog breed a chihuahua. I am really enjoying project search so far and attended the summer engagement programme which I found helpful, I am just about to start my first internship it is an admin internship working for VIAS.



My Name is Cameron B, I live in Aberdeen. My current internship is with The Audio-Visual department. Some of my interests are Video games, watching YouTube, watching Crime shows (such as NCIS) and I want to get into Video editing. My favourite animal is a Horse. My favourite video game is Dynasty warriors 5. Something interesting about myself is that I was a member of the 66<sup>th</sup> Aberdeen boys brigade for about 10 years.



I'm Carlisle and I am 19 years old. I love Nintendo games & consoles especially Kirby games and my 3DS. I would say I have a good and often... unusual sense of humour but I can also be reserved. I find Furbys ... interesting... which is apparently my personality now. I also like Tamagotchis but that's not as funny.



My name is Jason and I live in Aberdeen City. My interests are reading, taking walks, swimming training, playing on my Nintendo Switch and exercising too. My favourite animal is a wolf. Something that is interesting about me is that I am one of the members of the Scottish Elite Para Swimmers.



Hi, my name is Greg. I am currently an intern at Project SEARCH Aberdeen.

My hobbies are drumming. Playing with dogs and watching Netflix.

My interest are music and football/sport. Something interesting about me is that I have a good sense of humour.



Hi, my name's Ryan M. I'm from Aberdeenshire. My interests are Game Level Design, Pixel Art, Game Modding, & Playing Games. Games I enjoy are Rain World, Titanfall, Valorant, Splatoon 3. I hate the Lingo Programming Language the most. I use Aseprite to create pixel art. My first internship is Music Admin Assistant in the music department in the University of Aberdeen.



What we have done so far during our journey in Project SEARCH

Most of the interns attended the summer engagement programme, we covered many different topics for example:

- Values
- We created our One-page profiles
- Qualities and Attitudes
- And we collectively as a group came up with the house rules

After the summer programme ended, the induction days started which consisted mostly of training such as Manual Handling, Food Hygiene and First Aid. Also, during the summer programme, we had a few fun outings such as a picnic in the Cruickshank gardens and we met Mark Paterson the Curator of the gardens, we also did a scavenger hunt around the campus, and we visited the zoology building and had lunch in the hub.

Now we have completed the induction days each intern will be starting their first internship which they are all very excited about, read our next letter to see what each intern has been up and what their first internship will be!

But before you go, check out are tasty Halloween recipe for chocolate apples which you could make with friends or family, maybe while you're watching a scary movie.

Happy Halloween from everyone at Project SEARCH

Prep:20 mins

Cook:10 mins

plus, cooling

Ingredients

200g milk chocolate, finely chopped

4 small eating apples

To decorate

sugar strands, finely chopped nuts, sprinkles,

honeycomb pieces

50g of each white and dark chocolate, chopped (optional)

You will also need

4 skewers, wooden chopsticks, or large lolly sticks



#### STEP 1

Put the chocolate in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of just simmering water, being careful that the bowl doesn't touch the water. Stir frequently for 10 mins until completely melted, smooth and shiny. Remove from the heat. Alternatively, heat the chocolate in short bursts in the microwave, stirring between each burst, until melted.

#### STEP 2

Put the apples in a heatproof bowl and pour over boiling water from the kettle. Drain carefully, and wash under hot water to remove any residual wax on the skin. This helps the chocolate stick better. Pat dry with kitchen paper, remove the stalks and push a lolly stick or skewer in its place.

#### STEP 3

Line a baking tray or large board with baking parchment. Hold the apples by their sticks and dunk into the melted chocolate. Use a spoon to coat the tops of the apples if you like. Once the apples are completely coated, hold over the bowl for a few seconds for excess chocolate to drip back into it, then place, stick pointing up, onto the prepared tray. Leave to set for a minute or two.

#### STEP 4

Tip the decorations into separate bowls. When the chocolate on the apples is just starting to set but not fully firm, sprinkle the decorations onto the apples. Hold them on their side and rotate using the stick to completely cover. Place back on the tray and leave until completely set.

#### STEP 5

If using the white and dark chocolate to decorate, heat each separately, as you did the milk chocolate in step 1, then leave to cool slightly. Melt the dark chocolate first, then when the chocolate apples are set hard, use a teaspoon to drizzle this over them, again holding the stick so the apple is on its side and rotating the apple. Have a sheet of baking parchment underneath to catch any drips. Place back on the tray and leave to set, then repeat the process using the white chocolate. Will keep in an airtight container in a cool place for two days.

