

Safira's Story

Work Experience

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Safira took part in our Work Experience Programme in June 2023. She was interested in learning more about charity and public sector roles, and was matched to Barts Charity, a not-for-profit organisation that aims to improve patients' lives in the area.

The aim of Safira's role was to gain an understanding of the charity and each department within it. This included working in departments such as Finance & Funding, and Impact. This provided Safira with an excellent understanding of the charity sector and the different roles available across the industry.

Safira shared with us how she found her work placement, and what she learned during her time at Barts Charity:

"I was given the role of marketing and fundraising for medical purposes at Barts Charity. They have given me many different tasks every day such as sorting out files, writing a thank you letter, labelling fundraising buckets, and creating a social media post. I loved taking part in everything. The members there were amazing and were willing to help whenever I asked a question."

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"I have learnt how they perform marketing and fundraising for their charity. There were lots more roles than I expected. I have learned all the different roles designed for each person."

I loved all the people in my workplace. The Switch gave great options on workplaces, and I got something based on the preference I gave. The place wasn't too far as well, and I loved the area. My friend and I got the same placements, and we went out during lunch. Everything was easy to find.

I think that work experience is important because everyone needs a viewpoint from early on in life to see how it is. Sometimes the placement you receive is not always what you imagined but still giving it a go may make you change your mind and learn about a new sector. The members there treated me as they did their colleagues, so it really gives you an idea of adulthood."

Learning about a sector she is interested in has helped Safira to think about her future career and the options available to her.

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