

Meet Our Interns! Amira

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At our Birmingham branch we have been joined by a special individual, meet Amira our new Business & Marketing Intern. Here's a small interview with Amira.

How did you first get involved with Ashley Community Housing?

My University has a career program that allows graduating students to get internships in SMEs and I happened to get an interview with Ashley Housing. I loved the company when I was interviewed, so when asked if I wanted to take the position there was no hesitation.

What current project are you working on at Ashley Community Housing?

I am currently helping with Himilo (the training subsidiary) and getting that project off the ground. Also supporting the marketing department with various tasks.

Could you tell us a little bit about the course you undertook at University, and how it relates to the work you are doing with Ashley Community Housing?

I just graduated from University with a Bsc Sociology. Having studied about the inequalities that exist in society and the effects that they have on individuals provides me with a wider viewpoint. An empathetic understanding of the factors that are working against refugees and their struggle to start a better life for themselves.

Before working at Ashley Community Housing, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had?

I think the most interesting and unusual job I have had is starting my own business with 3 other University friends. It has very much been a journey in gaining more knowledge and information about the business field, something which I had no prior knowledge in beforehand.

What do you like most about Ashley Community Housing?

I like the positive environment of the office and the willingness to help that every staff member has.

What's your motto in life?

My motto in life is a quote from George Bernard Shaw "The reasonable man adapts himself to the world: the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man."

What advice would you give to people who have graduated from university and are looking for employment?

I would tell them to get as much experience as possible in the department or field that they wish to hopefully go into. A degree no longer classifies as a path to a great career. Therefore, a summer internship is a great way to start on the career ladder after University