

# 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