

Meet our new support worker!

What were you doing before you joined ACH?

I was studying theology at university which I'm still doing. I also regularly volunteer for a teenage youth group at my local church and help out at a nursery once a week. I love working with people and it's safe to say I like to keep myself busy!

What attracted you to ACH as an organisation?

I was immediately struck by the sense of welcome that exists throughout the organisation – this really fits with my own view that refugees in the UK all have the right to be treated fairly and welcomed into society. It also became clear to me that ACH are committed to changing people's lives...you don't see that very often! I'm just so grateful to be working for an organisation with such great values.

How have you found your first few weeks at ACH?

I've left each day of work beaming. The people who work here are so compassionate and the tenants and learners give me so much too. They've taught me that no matter what obstacles you face you can persevere and remain positive.

What does your current role entail?

To begin with I was volunteering by teaching ESOL English and Employability classes but I will be now combining this with my new role as a support worker. Working one-to-one with the tenants has seriously changed my perspective of refugees and really helped my confidence grow as a support worker. Meeting them you realise that behind the endless headlines there are unique individuals with so much to offer.

What do you hope to achieve at ACH?

I just want to be the best support worker I can be and help all of our tenants get back into society and fulfil their ambitions of a better life in the UK.

What does the term refugee mean to you?

A person looking for what every person is entitled to: safety and a good life.