

# Positive News April 2016

## Birmingham

Over in our Birmingham office our learners and staff showed gratitude and thanks to our volunteer English tutor Paul. Paul has now run well over 50 English sessions for ACH tenants and learners, developing and inspiring countless individuals along the way. His teaching sessions have been highly praised by all learners and staff and have had a real impact on the lives of a large number of newly arrived refugees in Birmingham, whether residents with ACH or members of the wider community.

Birmingham Team Leader Joe Fitt shared his thanks: "Paul, we thank you for all your efforts, you are a pleasure to work with and a truly inspirational teacher."

## Wolverhampton

It has been great to see our new Wolverhampton tenants settling so well into their new homes and beginning to explore local opportunities. We recently spoke to one of our newest tenants Abdul about his experience of moving into an ACH house in Wolverhampton:

"I found ACH in December after coming to the UK from Sudan. I feel very welcome now. I love living with others and feel I've made some good friends. Wolverhampton is my favourite town here. I've started playing football and going to the gym which keeps me busy. I'm starting a new job this week and after that hope to study at Suffolk University. ACH has helped me a lot already."

## Bristol

This month we sat down with one of our job club volunteers, Mustafa, to discuss how he's finding his voluntary role at Ashley Community Housing...

ACH: Hi Mustafa! Great to have you working with us, why did you start volunteering with Ashley Community Housing?

M: Thanks! I started volunteering last month, I used to go to job club to improve my employability skills and wanted to help out. I speak Arabic and English so I can help lots of people!

ACH: That's great! How has volunteering helped you?

M: It's built my confidence up and I'm now very good with computers and ICT which is good!

ACH: Fantastic! What job role would you like to do in the future?

M: In September I'm doing a course in college on mechanical engineering, it's good experience and I enjoy working.

ACH: We wish you all the luck and success at college, and hope you enjoy working with Ashley  
Community Housing!