

# Meet Sara, Regional Training & Development Manager

Please welcome our new Regional Training & Development Manager, Sara Withers! She is our latest addition to the team at ACH Bristol & we hope that she brings great support to All of our training!

We've done a small interview with her asking a few questions about her past and the future.

What did you do before coming to ACH?

*"I originally started my career in Banking and worked for Lloyds Bank as a project co-ordinator in the electronic banking department. I have been based in the education sector for 20 years, teaching finance, book keeping and secretarial skills to running e2e programmes, assessing administration, customer service and management to setting up a traineeship academy in Bristol, monitoring apprenticeship provision and auditing sub-contractors. Most recently I worked at Wiltshire College where I was the Quality Manager for WBL. I am also an EQA for the awarding body, Ascentis."*

Why did you decide to come to ACH?

*"I believe in helping people to reach their full potential in their personal and social development and that all learners deserve to receive a quality educational experience. ACH adopts an ethos that is all about empowering learners to transform their lives and removing barriers to learning."*

What is it that you want to achieve?

*"To support ACH to achieve the kudos associated with a top quality learning provider and receive the recognition they deserve."*

What are you hoping to gain from Ashley Housing?

*"Play a part in improving community provision to generate income and support ACH to expand their housing and training provision to support more disadvantaged people."*

What is your proudest moment in your career?

*"I am lucky enough to have worked with some amazing people and been given the opportunity to set up some fantastic provisions at YMCA Training, SGS College and T2 Business Solutions to support disadvantaged learners into education and or employment.*

*I have seen so many young people succeed against all the odds and that has made it all worth while."*