

# Staff Development Day in Wales

Yesterday **Ashley Community Housing** took staff from our Bristol and Birmingham offices to **Pendarren House**, situated in the **Brecon Beacons National Park** in South Wales, for a staff development day.

The day was a chance for new staff to meet each other for the first time, as well as share ideas regarding the development of **Ashley Community Housing** as an organisation. Our day consisted of in-depth conversations with Jeff Greenidge, a well-established freelance management consultant, as well as a hike around the **Brecon Beacons** where everyone took part in some important team bonding.

For the majority of our staff it was a chance for them to explore the countryside in a new and stimulating environment outside of the office. Birmingham Regional Manager Osman shared his thoughts on the day:

***“We live in urban environments; you don’t see these kind of things every day. This experience has been productive and meaningful – in short, I’ve had a really great time!”***

Communications and Marketing team member Sophie also stated:

***“It’s refreshing and rewarding to be in a working in a new environment where we can all communicate in person, rather than emails and phone calls. Being new it’s been good to meet staff from the Birmingham branch.”***

The staff development day had a positive impact on both our Bristol and Birmingham staff, allowing them to develop key ideas and facilitate effective communications within our organisation. We thoroughly enjoyed our time at **Pendarren House** and have taken away a range of positive new ideas for ACH. These ideas will allow us to further develop and grow our skills as the UK’s leading culturally-responsive housing and training provider.

