

Positive News May 2016

Bristol

Today we said goodbye to one of our tenants, Falah. He has found private accommodation and is now moving on after living with Ashley Housing for nearly two years. Falah said,

"For me everything is good now. Rachel is the best support worker she has helped me with everything. The best thing is that she never says she doesn't have time - she always has time! Rachel is never angry when she helps me. I am lucky that I had Rachel as a support worker. I don't know how to say thank you to Rachel and everyone at Ashley Housing".

The Bristol support team decided to run a wellbeing project with our tenants as part of Mental Health Awareness Week 2016 which was 16-22 May. The theme of this year's campaign is relationships. Every Thursday afternoon in May the support team met with our tenants to relax and chat while painting plant pots and planting herbs. This has been an excellent way to promote positive relationships both between the tenants in our properties and also between staff and tenants. The activities also encouraged creative expression and promoted emotional wellbeing.

Birmingham

This month ACH Birmingham's most recent IT programme learners celebrated their completion of the course and accepted their certificates. It was a really proud moment for them and their tutor, Hameer. Hameer has been a fantastic tutor throughout the course and has enabled the learners to develop both their IT skills and general confidence in engaging with continued learning and education. The learners were extremely grateful for the hard work put in by Hameer and support worker Sam who coordinated the course. We would like to congratulate our learners on their achievements and thank Hameer and Sam for all their efforts in transforming lives in Birmingham.

Wolverhampton

Over in Wolverhampton our Employability course has got off to a flying start with our brilliant new support worker Amy running the sessions. In the second session the training room was filled with enthusiastic learners who had already been involved in a wide range of careers – in the room we learnt about our learners' previous jobs which included a mechanic, a French language teacher and an agricultural engineer student. By the end of the session the learners were confident in expressing what they wanted to do next with their careers – here's the responses:

“I want to be an interpreter...a farmer...a chemist...a chef...a nurse...a builder...amechanic...an engineer...an architect...a writer.”

We will continue to support all of our learners in achieving their career ambitions and wish them the best of luck with the rest of the Employability course.