

Fatma

Fatma has been a tenant with Ashley Community Housing (ACH) since June 2013. Fatma came to the UK after being forced to leave Somalia because of the civil war. Fatma had completed part of her degree but had to leave before she could graduate. She wanted to continue with her studies despite the difficulties she would face in doing so in a new country. She completed an Access to Higher Education course with City of Bristol College as well as her GCSE Maths and English. This meant she could now apply to universities.

Alongside studying Fatma has also been supported by ACH staff to find employment in Bristol. She works for both Bristol City Council and the NHS as an interpreter. She was supported to make an application to UCAS and is enrolled on a Diagnostic Imaging BSc with The University of the West of England. She will begin the course in September 2015.

This is to express my sincere gratitude to the ACH team who supported me tremendously throughout my fast track academic career during the past two years. I arrived in the UK two years ago and became a tenant with ACH soon after. During these two academically heavy years, I did my GCSEs in Maths and English, a Level 3 HE Diploma in Science and now I am starting a university undergraduate course in Diagnostic Imaging at UWE this September. The team helped me with different kinds of support such as academic, employability and applying to different funding bodies. You have been an essential ingredient of my successful journey. Thank you. – Fatma

All ACH staff wishes Fatma great success in her future studies and career.