

My Work placement in Edinburgh Scotland



The following report is to briefly outline my time as an intern on the Leonardo da Vinci programme in one of Scotland's most beautiful and exciting cities, Edinburgh.

I arrived in Edinburgh on the 25th August 2012 for a six month period. I was given a host family accommodation with a wonderful couple in Brunstane, a district of eastern Edinburgh. During the first 2 weeks of my stay I undertook English language lessons every morning at the Inlingua School in the city center. In the afternoons I had time to explore the beautiful capital city of Scotland. I was amazed at its incredible heritage and architecture as well as the friendliness of its habitants. While very traditional in many respects, Edinburgh is a cosmopolitan and modern capital with a vibrant nightlife.

At Inlingua we received preparation for our work placements in small groups, which included a practical training to improve our linguistic skills. The staff were all professional and helpful and were always at our service if we required advice or support.

The accommodation which was arranged for me was carefully selected and of a good standard. I have been made feel very much part of the family since I arrived. The warm family atmosphere enabled me to settle into Edinburgh without feeling homesick.

My work placement started in the third week in Marie Curie Cancer Care in Leith. After a welcome day to the charity organisation, we were soon involved in the general work of office, undertaking general administrative duties including data entry, payroll, mail processing, telephoning, packaging and general support work. As the supporter administration team is a very busy department, we were given different tasks which gave us valuable insights into how an organisation such as Marie Curie functions on a day-to-day-basis. I have been glad to be considered an asset to the team in such a worthy cause as the care of terminally ill cancer sufferers.

Outside my busy working schedule, I have been attending a Cambridge Certificate in advanced English course at Inlingua as well as an acting course there. My level of English, I believe, has improved through these courses and my work placement. I spent my free time in the city visiting the stunning medieval Old Town, the Georgian New Town, its galleries and museums. I have made many friends; I enjoyed some of the night life and kept fit by joining a local sports club. Along with work and study, these activities have kept me very busy during my stay in Edinburgh.

This period has been a great life experience for me, one in which I have learned so much and one which I would recommend to anyone. In this respect, I am very grateful indeed to have been given this opportunity by my teacher and for the financial support from Leonardo da Vinci Programme. Thank you