What is an *IntoUniversity* Volunteer?

**Inspiring young people to achieve**

The University of Nottingham is working in partnership with *IntoUniversity* - an educational charity supporting young people from disadvantaged communities - to provide local learning centres, where young people are inspired to achieve. As an *IntoUniversity* volunteer, you will be an integral part of our team and help to raise aspirations and attainment among local school children and inspire them to go to University, whilst developing your employability skills.

Find out below what previous volunteers have said about the role and the experience they gained from working with us:

I had a fantastic time as a volunteer, and you can do so many different things like mentoring, academic support and leading campus tours. A very rewarding moment came from volunteering on a buddy day. I worked with some year 8 students, showing them around campus and helping out in academic sessions. One of the students told a member of staff that he thought I was cool. The fact that I had made going to university seem cool was massively rewarding. Being an *IntoUniversity* volunteer also enabled me to complete a module for the Nottingham Advantage Award.

*James Howell, American Studies*

One of my fondest memories with *IntoUniversity* was when I helped at a FOCUS week on campus. It was a Friday, and all week the students had been working on projects. I managed to stay to watch them present the projects, which involved a bit of singing and dancing too! Afterwards, the children experienced their own graduation, complete with hats and gowns. Parents had come along to watch the event. Seeing the students graduating was such a lovely and rewarding experience! I loved helping to give the student an experience and understanding of university that they would not have had otherwise.

*Rhian Sheady, Civil Engineering*

I was attracted to *IntoUniversity*, as they work with a broad range of young people, from primary school to sixth form. Also, I really wanted to get involved in the local Nottingham community, and *IntoUniversity* allowed me to work in three different areas of the city. The atmosphere in the *IntoUniversity* centres is really positive. The support for both you and your mentee from staff at the centre is very good. My work as an *IntoUniversity* volunteer has opened my eyes to the variety of careers in the charity sector. Having gained experience in such a rewarding and often challenging area of work, I am now certain that I want to work in this field.

*George Smalley, History*

Gain experience: make a difference!

To find out more or get an application pack, email: intouniversity@nottingham.ac.uk or click here to visit our workspace pages.