

A year in the life of an apprentice

Join our apprentice Joe Boothman in his City of York Council apprenticeship journey.

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Hello my name is Joe Boothman; in October 2016 I joined City of York Council as the new Public Health Business Apprentice.

How did I get the chance to be part of this great team and this fantastic workplace you ask? I used to be an engineer but due to unfortunate circumstances I was out of a job and this led me to think about what I really want to do for a career.

I realised I want to make a difference somewhere and somehow. What better place to do it than in my favourite city. So after searching and applying, here I am in the Public Health Team, and after the first two weeks I already feel like I've made a difference. I arrived on my first day nervous and not sure what to expect, but that soon faded as I was greeted by warm welcomes and a variety of lovely people (and lots of names to remember). Straight away I've had the chance to deal with different campaigns such as the flu, stop smoking, and Carecent winter appeal.

Already I'm excited to be a part of and help others in the team with their projects and campaigns and I cannot wait to see the other ways I can help and make a difference to the people of York.

When people think of the council many just seem to think of them taking the bins or when paying council tax, but there's so much more to it than that going on under your nose. With so many different teams and areas you feel like you can really go somewhere.

To anyone who may be in the same shoes as me whether an apprentice, intern or a new starter, I would advise them not to worry everyone's here to help. Be yourself and take it in your stride, I have only been here a few weeks and I already feel comfortable and relaxed in my work, eager for what the future holds.