

Age UK Cornwall & Isles of Scilly A huge thank you to Kathryn & the University of Exeter



Pathways to Charity & Development

Thanks to a growing number of students showing an interest in the Charitable and Development Sector, the University of Exeter has teamed up with local charities and development organisations to deliver a week long training course followed by a paid week long internship.

In June, we were extremely fortunate & blessed to welcome Kathryn Evans, from Exeter University, to Age UK Cornwall & The Isles of Scilly.



A big success

Rebecca Kevern, Service Consultant, said ***"Kathryn was such an asset to Age UK Cornwall, and supported our Gardening Service & Business planning. We valued Kathryn & her input during the week, especially as she was someone that shared our core values and really got 'hands on' when meeting our Volunteers, Staff & gardening team. We are looking forward to putting the Business plan into practice!"***

The 1-week internship with Age UK Cornwall & The Isles of Scilly certainly proved to be time well spent, and really showed what can be achieved in a short time frame. Kathryn not only developed a Business Plan for the

restore & clear component of our Gardening Service, but also interacted with many Clients, Staff & Volunteers and got involved with a number of key presentations & meetings during the week.

Shared learning

We believe that Internships are a great way to gain hands-on, professional experience that will be invaluable in any future role. As Kathryn demonstrated, placements can also bring new & creative ideas to the table and develop our own techniques.

Kathryn explained, ***"I have learnt so much from Age UK Cornwall's staff & volunteers. Following the placement, I now have a greater appreciation for the charitable sector and how they engage & build relationships with the individuals they support. It was fantastic to help develop the 'restore & clear' gardening service and I really enjoyed meeting people in the local community and working with Age UK Cornwall, who always think of the person first."***

One of our future aims is to introduce the third sector to ambitious & driven students that want a little insight into a particular field of interest. We cannot wait to work with more Universities, Colleges & partners to provide more placements and find future pioneers for the third sector.

If you want to find out more about us or speak to one of the team.

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