Profile

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I am a law student at the University of Glasgow, recently having returned from a year studying abroad at Sciences Po, Paris. Ambitious and hard working, I enjoy being challenged and can perform under pressure. I am well-rounded, and well versed in time management as a result of several part-time jobs. I am hoping to secure a training contract in Dublin for 2018, with the aim of building a career there.

Experience

Vacation Scheme, Pinsent Masons; June 2015

I completed a three-week vacation scheme at Pinsent Masons in their Glasgow office this summer. The work included attending client meetings and conference calls, drafting letters, and undertaking research, as well as making presentations. This was a great opportunity as it allowed me to get real hands-on experience of the day-to-day work of a trainee.

Work

English Instructor, Babylangues Paris; September - December 2014

This was the part-time job I had whilst studying abroad. My job was to teach English in the family home to an eight-year-old French child, mainly through activities and playing games in English. This required patience, but was a very rewarding job. The role required advanced lesson planning, and challenged my existing language skills. Having this job made me feel much more integrated into the community whilst living in Paris, and has shown me how much I enjoy working abroad. I felt a great sense of achievement at having moved abroad and firmly set up a life there, which is why I now want to work abroad as a graduate.

Sales Assistant, Bank Fashion; June 2013 - June 2014

As a sales assistant I mainly worked on the shop floor or running the fitting rooms. This job taught me how to work under pressure as the shop was often extremely busy, so it could be stressful if you were not organised- particularly running the fitting rooms. From this I learned the importance of working efficiently. Additionally, having to move to this job allowed me to take the skills I had learned in my previous job and apply them to a new situation, which has made me more adaptable. Sadly I had to leave this job to study abroad.

Sales Assistant, HMV; August 2011-May 2013

This was my first job, and it taught my how to be both independent and to work in a team. My tasks were mainly working on the shop floor helping customers and tidying, or on the tills. Later into my time in this job I was tasked with helping to train seasonal staff. I very much enjoyed this job but unfortunately the shop closed.

REACH Programme, University of Glasgow

Since first year I have worked with the REACH Programme at my university which aims to encourage more applications to law, medicine and vet medicine by pupils from more varied backgrounds. I took part in the programme myself so it is nice to be able to give back to it. I help out at the open days and summer school each year, where I lead law workshops, discuss the application process and answer any questions students may have, as well as preparing the students for their first moot.

Rachel Murphy

Education

University of Glasgow, Class of 2016; LLB Honours

Year 1: 2.2 Year 2: 2:1 Year 3: 1.1 (to be confirmed) Year 4: In progress

Sciences Po, Paris; Erasmus Exchange 2014-2015

Gleniffer High School, Class of 2012:

2010- Standard Grade English: 1, Standard Grade Maths: 1, Standard Grade French: 1, Standard Grade Biology: 1, Standard Grade Music: 1, Intermediate 2 Modern Studies: A, Intermediate 2 Graphic Communication: A, Intermediate 2 Physics: B.

2011- Higher English: A, Higher Maths: A, Higher Physics: A, Higher Biology: A, Higher Modern Studies: A.

2012- Higher French: A, Advanced Higher English: B, Advanced Higher RMPS: B.

Publications

*‘Zero-Hour Contracts: The Capitalist Dream’,* Glasgow University Law Review, available at:  *http*://www.gulawreview.org/entries/employment/zero-hour-contracts-the-capitalist-dream.

References

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