

Thomas A – LSP Communications Apprentice

My main duties involve arranging meetings with our partners and reviewing the progress in the projects. At the moment I am involved in the six towns project which is an initiative aims to promote community engagement throughout the six towns of Sandwell. My role is varied and interesting and I enjoy attending the many events we are involved in, meeting the local residents and hearing their stories.

After my GCSE's, I went onto study A' levels in History, Geography and ICT.. While I don't think any of the subjects that I studied are particularly relevant to my current role the qualifications and experience I have gained from studying them certainly helped me when going through the application process as it showed the employer that I was capable of working to a certain level.

As part of my apprenticeship I attend the study support centre where I receive support to help me brush up on my basis skills (Literacy and numeracy) as well as support with my NVQ level 2 qualification in administration. As my role is quite flexible I manage to complete most of my assignments within the time I am allocated at work to concentrate on my studies.

I am still not really sure where I see myself going in the future, but I do like working within the local government if opportunities arise within this area I would be keen to pursue them.

Together with the experience I am gaining from working within a busy office environment my NVQ will also help me in the future as it is evidence that I am capable of working within this are. \Young people need to know that qualifications are important, but today so is experience and they need to find the opportunities to gain this as it will pay off in the long run.