

My Time at Cornerstone Church

My name is Nathan Davies, I am 18 years old and I have been on placement at Cornerstone Church as part of my NVQ studies that I was doing with Tydfil Training. I have undertaken Level 1 in Business and Administration, and a Level 1 in Customer Service.

During my time at Cornerstone I have undertaken a number of tasks in helping with the day to day running of the Church Centre. Some of these included: making posters for classes that were taking place at the church, sitting in on IT classes and helping to support and build the confidence of the students using computers.

I have helped to create documents, posters, forms, policies, calendars to be used for the organisation. I have printed posters and displayed them on the notice boards. I have taken part in the holiday play schemes as a volunteer. I was given the responsibility to do the registration for the P&T group welcoming the parents as they arrive. This helped me with my NVQ in Communications. All the posters I produced I was able to use as product evidence for my file to show what work I was doing at my placement at Cornerstone Church. My assessor, David, would visit regularly to observe a typical day and to see how well I was performing at my placement and discuss how I was progressing. He would then record it on paper to include as evidence in my file.

After I had finished my Business and Administration NVQ, I then went on to do a Communications qualification followed by a new NVQ Level 1 in Customer Service, which included some different jobs, such as doing registration for a toddler group, and interacting more with the service users that attend the activities at Cornerstone Church.

The tasks I have undertaken during my placement at Cornerstone Church has helped me to complete my NVQ's as they fitted the criteria needed to pass the different sections on the course such as: printing, photocopying documents, using the computer to create posters and forms and interacting with service users that use Cornerstone.

A group of service users I enjoyed interacting with was the Thursday Camera group. I was asked to help with preparing the room, accompany the group on walks to take photographs and helping to work the computer to view the photos they had taken. Foodbank was another new experience for me and again gave me the opportunity to interact with service users that would attend the Church with vouchers that were exchanged for food parcels. This is run over three mornings and is quite a busy tie.

My time at Cornerstone Church has prepared me for future work as I have been able to observe a typical work environment and have been able to learn from the staff and volunteers who work at Cornerstone.

During my time at Cornerstone I have learned a lot about what the church does and how it helps local people in and around the community, I have been able to learn something new from every task I have undertaken and this has helped me to prepare for my future job prospects. My time at Cornerstone Church, working with the staff and its volunteers, has helped me gain the confidence I need when applying for future employment.