

*My Internship
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Introduction



Me

My name is Kenzie, I'm 6th year at Northfield Academy and I participated in the Career Ready program. I wanted to be in the program because it was first-hand experience on what working in a workplace would be like, and I wanted to take that opportunity. I was originally going to work with my mentor Kieran at the Press & Journal but due to some complications, I still thankfully managed to have the chance to work in a workplace at Techfest, with Kirsty taking me under her wing for the 4 weeks I worked here. In the future when I finish school I plan to go to college and pursue photography as that is something I aspire to do for a job. Techfest has given me opportunity's to work on my photography and I was really thankful for that.

The Interns



Martyna



Karina



Eryn

The Techfest Team



Yashka (STEM LEAD)



Kirsty (PROJECT COORDINATOR & CREST OFFICER FOR SCOTLAND)



Gabija (STEM LEAD)



Jenny (FESTIVAL MANAGER)

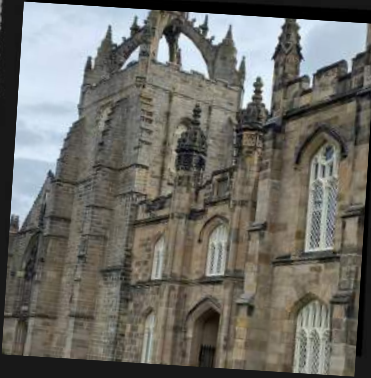


Lyn (PRIMARY OUTREACH SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY COORDINATOR)



Eve (STEM PROJECT AND EVENT COORDINATOR)

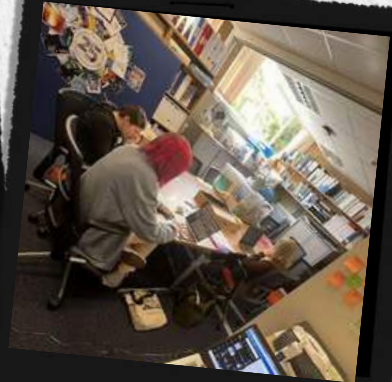
Week 1



Campus Tour



Main Project



Office

The first week of my internship was strange but interesting. On my first day, I was introduced to a few people in the workplace and the other interns that I was going to be working with over the next 4 weeks. After all the paperwork that was provided was filled in, myself and the other interns was taken on a tour around Aberdeen University campus by Kirsty to help us familiarise ourselves with our surrounding showing us different aspects of the campus. We were then shown our main project that we had to work on throughout our internship. We had to make an "24 days of STEM" advent calendar for the younger people to enjoy when it comes around to Christmas. This developed over the first week, me and the other interns just getting our ideas out on the table and then projecting that onto a finalised idea of the booklet that was going to be presented to our supervisors. After we presented we then gave each other roles on who was in control of what. Overall it was a really nice start to the internship.

Week 2



Wednesday 12Th July

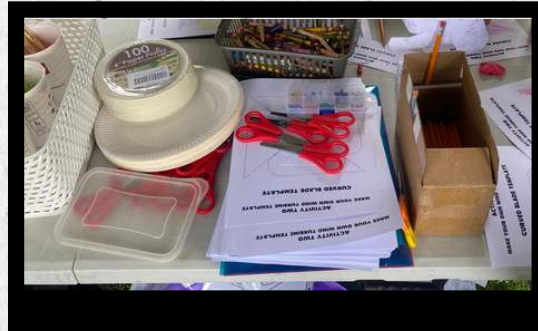
The second week of my Internship was when I first managed to experience what working with the public was like. Myself and another intern (Eryn), who was also accompanied by another person who was not with Career Ready but was Volunteering (Thea), was taken to Aden Country Park in Mintlaw. I was taken through four different activities which consisted of salt Painting, Make my own Windmill, Bug hunting and Making my own seed bomb and water cycle bag. I ended up sticking to Salt Painting as I found it the most fun and felt that I was most confident with that task. We did end up having to cut the day short as we experienced some bad weather but I still enjoyed gaining the experience.

The next day, Kirsty and Lyn took myself and the other interns to Nescol to take part in their project that they were working on. Myself, Karina, Martyna and Eryn were given specific jobs to help out with the production. I was on the recording/taking photos, Karina was also taking photos but was helping out with lighting, Martyna was checking the scripts making sure that all the topics were covered and Eryn was making sure everything was running smoothly while assisting Kirsty. It was really interesting and fun, I did experience a lot of technical difficulties with my camera but overall it was a really good day.



Thursday 13Th July

Week 3



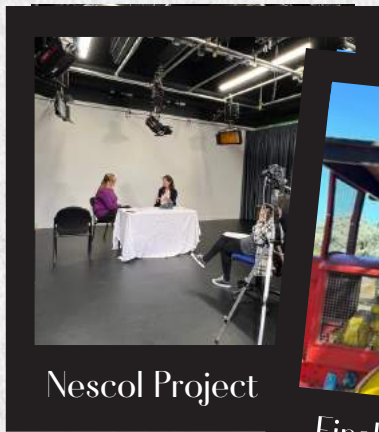
This week, I attended another outreach day but it was at Duthie Park. The activities stayed regularly the same, I also stuck with salt painting as I was more confident with that activity. The day went really well as my communication skills was growing even more and slowly becoming more confident in talking to people.

The following day I also received interview feedback from when I did my interview with Yashka. I ended up doing really well given that I never did a job interview before, let alone a practice one.

Overall it was a really good week.

Week 4

The final week!



The final week was definitely my most busiest out of the 4 weeks I have been here and for good reason. On Tuesday myself and the other interns were taken to Aberdeen Library to give our final presentations on how our time at Techfest was. Even though I was very nervous as I wasn't used to presenting. It was still good experience for me to have and to also work on that skill.

The following day I did my last outreach day at Duthie Park again, but I did a different activity as I thought it would be nice to try something else. I did seed bombs, I did try to avoid putting my hands in the compost as I didn't want to make a mess. I did end up helping one of the other interns (Martyna) with salt painting as seed bombs weren't really popular.

The next but final day of my internship, myself and the other interns were taken to Nescol to help with another episode of their Stem into Innovation Project. I managed to do really well with recording this time as I was given the same job again. It went really well and Overall I really enjoyed this internship. It was a great experience and it will be definitely something I will remember for a long time.

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