

GAP News

Lawrence:

GAP year student youth worker 2010/2011

Having completed college in 2010 and not gaining a place at university for entry in September I needed something to occupy my time, and, as at the time I worked in a coffee shop, and having always enjoyed working with people, I felt that the opportunity of working with LOT that arose was a great way for me to fill my time doing something worthwhile and enjoyable

So, I have now worked at LOT for 3 months and am finding that I have nicely settled in to my work here, greatly enjoying working with the young people in various activities. I am studying for my Diploma in Youth Work and Informal Education, which is greatly useful for me, giving me a greater insight into some of the work we do and helping me to learn how to deal with situations in the correct way and, most of all, helping me reflect upon and analyse the work that I have been doing.

I have attended one Rank conference for the Gappers and have done other such things as consultations, writing reports and evaluations that I never would have believed I'd have ended up doing barely six months ago! It has truly been an experience and I have learnt an incredible amount from it which I hope to apply in my future work.

I am very much looking forward to the activities that we are running from January 2011 and having more challenges and experiences that I hope will keep me on my toes and enjoying the work as much as I have been so far!

