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WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE OF BEING AN APPRENTICE?

It has been a strange experience so far, due to the pandemic, I haven't been working for half of the time I have been employed on the Apprenticeship; however, I really like the people I work with and they support me as much as possible.

At the moment, a lot of my team's time is taken up by the grant process and has been for a while as local businesses are really struggling and need the help we can provide.

HAS THE PANDEMIC IMPACTED ON YOUR APPRENTICESHIP?

I was really enjoying going to networking events and getting my face out there however a month into my Apprenticeship Coronavirus spread; this meant I had to go on furlough until September and since then I have been working from home primarily issuing grants to businesses in need.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT THE APPRENTICESHIP?

The Apprenticeship has given me the opportunity for me to gain experience in a wide range of issues; being an Apprentice is allowing me to grow in confidence and to build my career for the future. I am currently working on producing a Video for National Apprenticeship Week and really enjoying it, it tests my communication skills and ability to create new ideas and ways of thinking.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF AN APPRENTICESHIP?

I think Apprenticeships are a great way to gain real-life work experience whilst upskilling yourself and earning money at the same time.