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Cheryl McMullan

Minerva People Limited worked with Cheryl to develop her skills and help her find her ideal job and career.

The Challenge:

Cheryl McMullan, now 18, always knew what she wanted to do but getting into her chosen field was proving problematic.

The Solution:

Cheryl left school at 16 and came across Minerva when she was surfing the internet investigating ways to get into her chosen career.

Cheryl joined Minerva's Skillseeker Programme to develop herself in Administration and was given the opportunity of a work placement at a doctor's surgery which gave her valuable experience in the workplace.

Cheryl said "I thoroughly enjoyed learning while working but I still hoped to one day become a funeral director."

The staff at Minerva did not initially know Cheryl's real ambitions but at some point on her programme a member of staff would ask her the question that they always ask trainees when they are more confident - "What would you love to do?" When her assessor, Gwyneth Watson, asked this question she discovered Cheryl's career aspiration was to be a funeral director one day. Gwyneth approached the directors of Minerva who actively contacted some local firms. After a number of phone calls, over a few weeks, Cheryl heard the news that she was to be interviewed for a work placement opportunity as a Skillseeker to complete her Administration NVQ Level 3 with a local funeral directing firm.

The Results:

Within 2 months of starting her work placement with a local funeral directing firm Cheryl was offered a permanent full time position with the company and completed her administration training as a Modern Apprentice. She was nominated by Learndirect Scotland as a Learning Champion and enjoyed attending the award ceremony to acknowledge her achievements.

Cheryl said "It was a great opportunity and extremely supportive of Minerva to do this for me. Now that I've been offered a full-time job, I'm over the moon and my career journey begins!"

"I liked school but decided to leave when I was 16. I had always wanted to be a funeral director, like my grandfather but wasn't sure how to go about it."

"With the help and guidance from Minerva I have been able to start my career in my chosen area and I'm over the moon!"

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