

## **Dimple's Story**

I heard about the Ealing Council voluntary work scheme through my local Job Centre Plus. I wanted to be part of the scheme because I thought it would help me get an idea of what working life is like. I am very keen to start work and this is a step in the right direction. It is a privilege to be doing work experience for Ealing Council. This placement will allow me to develop the skills I have learnt at university.

As a voluntary worker for Ealing Council there are a lot of skills I would like to gain. I will be working in the Corporate Health and Safety Department. I hope to learn what the department is about and what it does. During my placement I would like to develop greater social skills and gain confidence and independence in lots of different areas. I am keen to develop my teamwork skills. I would also like to practice managing my time so that I can meet deadlines. I am also interested in improving my IT skills so that I can create spreadsheets.

As a recent graduate I have found that whenever I apply for a job I am rejected because I have not got much experience. My opinion is that unless employers give hopeful candidates without much experience a chance they will never be able to prove themselves and gain the experience they need.

Having recently graduated with a BSc (Hons) Network Management and Security I am hoping I will be able to find an IT related job.