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Title: Assistant Psychologist

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| **Professional Qualifications**  BSc Psychology (2:1) Bath Spa University 2016 – 2019  **Current Role (January November 2019 - Present)**  I am one of the appointed Assistant Psychologists at Headwise Ltd where I am supervised by Dr Alan Gray, Consultant Clinical Psychologist in Neuropsychology. This role involves:   * Providing psychological therapy sessions to clients in their own homes. * Provide training to individuals, support teams and family members on brain injury, behavioural/emotional issues and illness. * Assist with neuropsychological examinations (testing, scoring, report writing) for clinical cases. * Working across a variety of locations, sometimes as part of a multi-disciplinary team. * Participate in research projects conducted at Headwise; assisting in carrying out of research, the analysis and evaluation of results. * Development of self-help guides * Management of the company’s social media page.   **Relevant Work History**  **Support worker, CCMS** (February 2020 – Present)  I have recently started work as a support worker for CCMS. I have been working on a one-on-one basis with a client who has cortical blindness due to a brain injury. Working closely with this individual has been extremely rewarding. I have enjoyed supporting them and being creative in the activities we engage in. It has been insightful to have the opportunity to work with clients outside of the clinical setting. The knowledge I gain from this experience will help to inform my clinical work.  **Published Research** (In progress from April 2018 – February 2020)  As part of my undergraduate degree I planned, designed and carried out a research project which explored the phenomenon of Autonomous Sensory Meridian Response or ASMR for short. Through completing this research my knowledge of statistical analysis, research planning and report writing hugely developed. Since I completed this as part of my dissertation I worked alongside my supervisor to get the research paper published. The article titled ‘Increased Absorption in Autonomous Sensory Meridian Response’ can be found here <https://peerj.com/articles/8588/>  **Volunteer support worker, Headway Day Centre, Bath** (November 2018 – May 2019)  My role as a support worker at Headway was to assist the clients and facilitate activities throughout the day. Through this opportunity I gained experience supporting those with acquired brain injury or illness and furthered my understanding regarding the complex nature of brain injuries and the ways in which they can impact the lives of the families and individuals affected. My time volunteering at Headway enabled me to develop my interpersonal and communication skills which was essential when supporting individuals with brain injury and working alongside colleagues.  **Volunteer events organiser and facilitator, Fun Division, St Mungo’s Bath** (November 2018 – May 2019)  Fun Division facilitated and organised events for a social group to meet on a regular basis. This service was for individuals who may be feeling socially anxious or isolated. The group consisted of service users in addition to the general population who wanted a social group to attend. My role was to help in the organisation and facilitation of these events. During my time at Fun Division we organised a regular fortnightly jazz night meet up, a bike ride, bowling and a pancake evening. I volunteered for both Fun Division and Headway whilst in my third year at university which meant that I was able to further develop my organisational and time management skills, finetuning the balance between university work, volunteering and my social life. In addition to this, making conversation and engaging with the attendees furthered my communication and interpersonal skills.  **Experience volunteering with children** (Various occasions)  Over the years I have volunteered on several occasions to work with children within in a variety of different settings.   * Childminding * Volunteer assistant ballet teacher * Sports Leader UK * Sunday club leader * Year 7 reading buddy * Volunteering in primary schools   Such experiences have enabled me to develop a skill set where I can effectively communicate and build relationships with young individuals. I have used and developed my creativity when organising and planning events to appeal to children, working closely and effectively as a team member and at times leader. | **Contact Details**  John Eccles House  Oxford Science Park  Robert Robinson Avenue  Oxford  OX4 4GP  Mobile: 07375789261  Email  eosborneford@headwise.org.uk  For general enquiries please call Head Office (B’ham):  0121 222 5342 |