

# THE PROVIDER INSIDER

INSIGHTS INTO FURTHER EDUCATION

## AN INTERVIEW WITH WYLP APPRENTICE

My name is Beth Vickers, I am a Admin Apprentice at West Yorkshire Learning Providers, I am studying business administration and I am currently preparing to go through my end point assessment.

### SO HOW IS IT GOING?

It's going really well considering the situation. I have enjoyed working from home, this was something new for me. I am also preparing to go through my EPA so just getting my portfolio up-to date.

### WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT SITUATION? – HAVE YOU BEEN FURLOUGHED, STILL WORKING OR WORKING FROM HOME?

I am currently working from home and have been for around 7 weeks

### WHAT LEARNING ARE YOU DOING AS PART OF YOUR APPRENTICESHIP DURING THIS TIME?

Myself and my colleagues have been completing some online learning, and identifying some upskilling opportunities as I am waiting to go through EPA so I am currently revising for the multiple choice exam as well as keeping my off the job updated.

### HOW IS YOUR APPRENTICESHIP BEING DELIVERED REMOTELY – ARE YOU DOING ACTIVITIES, TUTORIALS, ASSIGNMENTS OR SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

My main activities have been gateway readiness, completing my off the job log, preparing for my next apprenticeship.

### DO YOU ENJOY LEARNING THIS REMOTE WAY? - WERE YOU SET UP ADEQUATELY FOR WORK OR DID YOU COMPANY HAVE TO SUPPLY EQUIPMENT?

I have enjoyed working from home and definitely has it's benefits, however i do miss being in the office. In order from me to work from home I was provided a laptop and a link to the company central store, where i can access everything i need to be able to do my job.

### WHEN THINGS GO BACK TO NORMAL WOULD YOU STILL LIKE TO SEE A BLENDED APPROACH TO YOUR APPRENTICESHIP (PART REMOTE/PART FACE TO FACE)?

I would like to see a blended approach, with the world edging to more towards digital, I think this approach is both useful and practical.

### WITH WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNT DURING THIS SITUATION SO FAR, DO YOU THINK YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE ONCE YOU GET BACK TO THE WORKPLACE?

I believe I have learnt a fair bit while working from home. It has allowed me to work on my time management and my ability to prioritise tasks. This has taught me resilience which will help me move on to my next higher level apprenticeship. From completing on the job training it has helped me review activities and actions ready for doing my project management apprenticeship.

### ANY IMPROVEMENT TO YOUR PROGRAMME FOR WHEN YOU ARE WORKING FROM HOME

I would of liked some more direction from my tutor, as most of what I have done has been self-directed or help from my colleagues.

### DURING THIS TIME HAVE YOU MAINTAINED SAME TUTOR/ASSESSOR, OR HAVE YOU BEEN ALLOCATED A NEW TUTOR/ASSESSOR?

Throughout this whole situation I have had the same assessor.

### IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ABOUT YOUR APPRENTICESHIP – NEXT STEPS, CAREER PROGRESSION?

Hopefully when we return to normal, I will start my project management level 4 apprenticeship. I am looking forward to taking this next step in my career.

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