

The Enterprising Internships Programme gives students the opportunity to work in a Social Enterprise within the West Midlands during the summer.

Tanya Daskova – 1st Yr - BSc Computer Science

Working as a ‘Social Media Specialist’ at Polish Expats Association (a social enterprise supporting the adaptation and integration of Poles in the UK), Tanya was responsible for improving the visibility of the Polish Expats Association’s social media activities and maintaining the web site.

What were your main achievements?

‘I have learnt how to work within a team, how to organize my time and how to prioritise tasks. My main achievement is that I got to understand how to use WordPress which will be an advantage in my future career. I have also had an insight into what a social enterprise is and how it operates.’

Alicja Kaczmarek (Director)

‘Even though Tanya is only in her first year, she has been very proactive and creative and she is very hardworking. Tanya has the got integrity and other soft skills which make her excel.’



What did you enjoy most about your internship?

‘The environment as a whole was so friendly and calm, and the team is small so it feels like a family. Working within a Social Enterprise, you can go and get involved in whatever you can help with. I loved it!’

How do you think your experiences will benefit you in the future when selecting and applying for work experience or graduate positions? ‘First of all, this internship gave me an insight into working within a real working environment. Secondly, it gave me the opportunity to work with WordPress and learn more about web development and the maintenance of web sites. Moreover, I had a close look at how a social enterprise as a business works.’

How has this internship helped you with your career choice? ‘I always thought I wanted to work in a big company as there are a lot more travel opportunities. But after doing this Internship I would really like to consider working in a smaller organisation and would not leave behind this idea.’

Following completing her internship and having built a strong relationship with the team, Tanya will continue to work with PEA on an occasional basis throughout her undergraduate degree.