

PROGRAMME:
GLASGOW APPRENTICESHIP CHALLENGE

ORGANISATION:
SQA

SQA APPRENTICES TAKE HOME TROPHY WITH COMMUNITY PROJECT

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"As part of our Modern Apprenticeship, we've each been coming to Cherry Road, to meet with Craig ahead of his work experience placement at our office, and help him build a picture of what to expect on his placement."

**ANNA MCGOWAN,
SQA MODERN APPRENTICE**

"It has been really important having the apprentices here. They haven't necessarily come from a care background, so it's great for them to have the opportunity to gain experience in this field of work and learn more about the support of people with learning disabilities."

**JOHN CONNELL, CHERRY
ROAD LEARNING CENTRE**

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The winning team, made up of Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) modern apprentices Lindsey Burke, Anna McGowan, Lauren Graham and Eve Cunningham, designed and delivered their voluntary project named 'Work Experience for All'.

The competition challenged teams of apprentices from across the city to plan, coordinate and execute projects using the skills they have developed through their apprenticeships.

The SQA team partnered with Cherry Road Learning Centre, which provides a day service for adults with complex, profound or multiple learning disabilities, and offers a range of activities, experiences and opportunities.

The team built a close working relationship with service user Craig Pentland, who was offered the opportunity to complete work experience at SQA's office. The apprentices visited the centre over four days each week during a five-week period, completing activities, eating meals and spending social time with Craig, allowing him to build his confidence and skills before completing his work experience for one day per week over a further five weeks.

The Apprenticeship Challenge is an annual event which aims to demonstrate the quality of apprentices employed in Glasgow, along with the high level of training offered by businesses and organisations in the city, with other finalists taking part from Morgan Stanley and ENGIE.

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