

Room at the View

I joined Girls' Brigade aged four, found that I loved it, and started going to Church, too. We hadn't been a Church going family before that, and it was through Girls' Brigade that I found God. So, when I had to do a week of work experience for my journalism course at university, it made sense to apply to the View.

I live in London, and the GB office is in Didcot, so I only went in from Monday to Wednesday, travelling there and back on the train. I worked from home on Thursday, and then met Catherine in Central London on Friday.

I spent most of Monday meeting everyone and finding out their roles. That afternoon I chose some possible images for the summer cover, and wrote a title. I was thrilled when I saw the cover design, with the title and one of the images I chose.

It was amazing to be given such important work – on Tuesday and Wednesday I wrote some Shared Stories and the n:counta page! On Wednesday afternoon, Catherine arranged with me what I would do on Thursday, and where we would meet on Friday.

On Thursday, I spent a couple of hours researching and thinking of ideas for design and articles. I had a look at some other youth organisations magazines, and I think the View is already the best! I also reviewed a series of books, and spent the afternoon writing a future n:gage page.

I met Catherine and Liz Sarkodie at Covent Garden tube station, and we went to a little Christian cafe. I interviewed Liz about YouMatter, the project she runs, for an article about that. After lunch, Catherine and I discussed my ideas from the day before, how my week had been, and the interview article.

The week was wonderful, and I'm sad that it's over. I really enjoyed it and feel it was a useful experience, so now I'm just waiting to see the issue of the View with my work in it!