

Volunteering Journey Teigan Crees-Jones



Teigan is just like any other teenager. She enjoys music and watching the latest craze on TV. However, she has also shown through her volunteering efforts, that she has much more to give!

Teigan has an interest in becoming a Primary School teacher when she leaves school, and has been volunteering in a local primary school since she was 13 years old, in order to gain experience. Miss Timperley from Ysgol Cystennin, Mochdre stated, 'Teigan is very enthusiastic and offers great support to the younger children. Volunteering with younger children enables Teigan to demonstrate her communication skills, her flexible nature and the opportunity to use her own initiative. It is always a

pleasure to see and work with Teigan'.

Teigan in turn states, 'I started volunteering when I was 13. Now that I'm 14 almost 15, I have carried out a lot more volunteering. I started volunteering at my old primary school by helping out with little jobs and helping the children., I still help out at my primary school and also help out at my mum's work CVSC. I'm part of the Youth Panel at CVSC, where I have helped with tasks in the office, along with helping at the volunteering awards ceremony.'

Emma Pugh, Youth Volunteer Development Officer stated, 'Teigan has really got involved well with the Youth Panel and is a great asset. I have seen a huge improvement in Teigan's confidence.

Teigan was a great help at our Volunteering Celebratory Event, where she supported two of her Panel members, signing in guests and showing them to their tables.' During the celebratory event, the Youth Panel were awarded a Volunteers' Week Certificate for their commitment.



As part of the Cash4Youth Panel, the young volunteer members make decisions as to who receives a share of the grant. Teigan asks lots of questions to make sure she makes the right decision. She has also got involved with the new North Wales Modern Day Slavery group, putting together a film to make other young people aware of Modern Day Slavery and how it is currently happening in this area. At a recent discussion meeting, Teigan put some ideas together, which impressed the producer of the film.

Alongside all of her volunteering, Teigan has also been working hard in school ready to sit her GCSE's ensuring she chooses the right topics to enable her to fulfil her wish to teach. She now feels she has become more confident since she commenced volunteering, as she has met so many new people who are interested in the same things that she is interested in.

'Volunteering is something amazing, it can give you so many new skills and you are open to a lot of new opportunities.'