



Ciara O'Neill Case Study

Ciara studies Education with Social Inclusion and Special Needs. She has been volunteering as a mentor for Hull Children's University for around six months and has found the experience hugely rewarding. She has mentored on the RSPCA, Paintbox and Digital Art experiences. Ciara has seen how much the children appreciate and enjoy these experiences, and also thinks they are valuable because of the life lessons they teach them. She thinks that the RSPCA experience, which emphasises how to care for animals and treat them, is particularly great at imparting these type of lessons.

These experiences have improved Ciara's confidence and empathy. She believes it is important to realise that not everyone receives positive experiences when they are younger and working with the Hull Children's University has helped her truly understand how different people's lives are. It has also given her the confidence to work with children in more informal settings and has influenced her to volunteer more. Encouraged by her experience with the Hull Children's University, she has recently applied to be a volunteer with SOVA.