



Northern Gas Networks Case Study – Sarah Napier

Northern Gas Networks are one of the Hull Children's University's *Platinum* sponsors and have been hugely supportive of the charity. All of Northern Gas Networks employees are offered the opportunity to get involved and some of the charities most committed mentors come from this organisation. One of the Northern Gas Networks mentors, Charlie, drove from Newcastle to Hull to catch a 6.30 am train so he could mentor on a *Night at the Museum* experience; the dedication is unbelievable.

Another one of Northern Gas Networks' star mentors is Sarah Napier. Sarah started mentoring with the Hull Children's University in 2015 after Northern Gas Networks sent out a request for volunteer and she hasn't looked back. Sarah's favourite experiences have been the ones delivered by the Children in Care Programme. These experiences are sometimes better suited to mentors with full time jobs as they only usually happen on a weekend or during the school holidays. Last summer, Sarah mentored on a horse riding experience and also at a dance workshop. Sarah describes it as a privilege to have been involved with these experiences. She found it really rewarding to watch the children develop new skills, work as a team and also really look after both each other and the adults on the trip.

Sarah has found the positives of this working relationship to be endless. The chance to give back to the community, but also learn so many new things is a great opportunity for people. Moreover, to work with a charity that has a solid backing within her organisation, and knowing that there are so many other members of Northern Gas Networks invested in raising the aspirations of children in the region is wonderful.