

Rodney's Story

Active Fusion's impact on the South Yorkshire community



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Finishing College is never easy.

There are so many possibilities for college and university students looking to get into the world of work. But for many students, vital work experience can shape their opinions, which is exactly what has happened to Rodney John.

The 16-year-old volunteered on a Fusion Camp in Edlington during Easter, in a bid to further enhance his knowledge on coaching and teaching, which he has always considered for a future career.

He said: "I found being on camp quite entertaining and a good use of my time.

"I've come across good members of staff, I've come across good children who have made camp a joy to be on and it has been a really good experience for me."

Not every student opts to take up volunteering while undertaking their studies. For Rodney, he wanted to make sure he was volunteering in an area he could see himself starting a career in.

A confident individual, Rodney said it was the way Active Fusion came across during a meeting that made him want to spend his time volunteering.

He said: "The placement officer at the College set up a Zoom call with Stephen from Active Fusion.



"It was his explanation of the organisation and his explanation of what you had to do on camp that really sold it to me; he made it sound enjoyable. I've always thought about coaching or teaching and this experience has really opened my eyes. It has given me an insight into the world of coaching and it looks like a very good option to me once I finish at college."

Rodney came to camp with a plan, wanting to make children feel comfortable around him and therefore give them a greater opportunity to benefit from the games, activities and sessions at camp. He also wanted to learn from the experienced Active Fusion coaches on camp with him.

He said: "I've really enjoyed working with Dan. He's a very good character and an excellent coach, I've learnt a lot from shadowing him and hopefully, the skills he's taught me will help me in the future.

"When I first came to volunteer at camp, I just wanted to make the children comfortable around me so they can get the most out of their time on camp and just enjoy themselves. Camp is a fun, learning environment and I hope the children enjoyed their experience."



I would definitely work for Active Fusion again. They've helped me grow as a person and a coach.

