

# Plymouth work experience

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## *Arrival*

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We've had a good trip by a bus from Halle (Saale) to Plymouth, but it was a long journey of 24 hours. My host mother Ellen picked me up at the train station and showed me the house and the beautiful garden. We drank coffee and talked in the garden with John my host father. Afterwards was John so kind and drove me to the City Centre. There I met my German friend Sabrina. In the evening I took the bus back home.



*The picture shows a traditional English telephone booth*

## *Plymouth*

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Plymouth is now home to the Royal Navy dockyard. The Naval Base Devonport in the cities west is the largest naval base in Western Europe and the most important employer in Plymouth. In the city the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth is set. It is the largest city in southern England, except London, with a population of more than 256.000 people. Plymouth is on the banks of the English Channel.



### ***Plymouth Barbican***

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The Barbican is the name now given to the western and northern sides of the old harbour area of Plymouth. It was one of the few parts of the city to escape most of the destruction of The Blitz during the Second World War. Two or three streets still retain some of the architecture of an old fishing port.



*Plymouth  
Hoe is  
illustrated*

*The  
beautiful old  
houses at  
the Barbican*





*The beautiful old houses at the Barbican*

*The lovely harbor and an old alley*

### *Plymouth Hoe*

The Hoe is a popular area for Plymothians and visitors. There is always a great deal of activity on the water, including frequent warship movements, ferries going and coming from France and Spain, fishing trawlers and a swarm of larger and smaller sailing boats. The Fastnet yacht race ends here. The annual two-day British Firework Championships attracts tens of thousands of spectators.



### *My host family*

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My host family was very lovely to me all the time. There were also two girls from Spain, one girl from China and a boy from Switzerland in the host family. All stayed there between one and nine month to improve the English language. Luckily they all had approximately the same age as me. But I think a month is too short for improving the language noticeably and seeing much of the country.

*The Sea  
view land  
with a very  
good view of  
the water*

*Here we  
were very  
often*



The family was very friendly. Ellen cooked a meal every day, cleaned my clothes and on Fridays she cleaned my room and gave me new towels. For dinner, we all ate together and talked about the day, work and everything we had in mind. We laughed a lot. Sometimes we had dinner in the garden. John my host-father, helped me with all questions about our trips. Often he told me about the history of Plymouth and much about the weather and its genesis.



*Ellen and I  
with Max,  
the little  
dog*



*My  
hospitable  
father and me  
in the  
garden*



## Work, McGinley

McGinley was a family business founded in 1978, to bridge a lack of resources in the construction labor market. They employ a staff of 140 permanent employees and 2500 operatives on hire.

McGinley Support Services is one of the UK's largest specialist recruitment businesses providing the Infrastructure sector of the construction industry with permanent, contract and temporary staff at all levels. Consulting and recruiting for over three decades and help customers in Airports, Energy, Metro, Ports, Rail, Roads, Telecoms, Waste & Water and can supply staff, labour and support services to civil

*My host  
brother  
Claudio from  
Switzerland  
with me*

*The  
grandchild  
Lilly, she was  
so cute*

*The  
picture  
illustrates  
the house  
and the  
garden*



engineering contractors, subcontractors, utilities, infrastructure owners and operators nationally.

My internship at McGinley was great. I gained many interesting impressions. I also had many tasks that I would even like to mention here:

- Using of office equipment equipment (photocopier, printer, scanner)
- Reorganised the filing system
- Mail shots to the working candidates, enclosing updated modules
- Inputting data to the internal database for the working candidates
- Scan and attaching certificates
- Recording the hours worked by employees
- preparing E-Mails with passports of the employees
- Checking in the new system (Citrix) and in the old system (Airbase) if the employees has the same certificates
- Packing little packages consisting of a letter, a envelope, two books, four little books and two letters for an index
- Checking certifiates
- Creating letters for the candidates with a card from Amey Colas  
Booking On Cards

- Filing documents

My colleagues at McGinley's were all very friendly and outgoing. They explained and showed me what lots of my chores concerned. Actually the whole office looked about me. That pleased me and helped me further. The working atmosphere was excellent, all staff always was cheerful and happy. But I must say, there was a lot of work to be done every day.



### *Freetime and weekend trips*

Every day after work we met on the big screen and went from there to explore the city. The Barbican and the Hoe we visited frequently. The old part of town

*My colleagues from left to right: Badra, Cleare, Molly, Jane, Ashton, Philippa and me.*

*And the other staffs has Holidays in this moment, Donald and Ruth. Gemma take the picture.*

*The unfamiliar names were on the personnel files the first time something strange for me.*



we liked very much. Sometimes we went to a pup or a disco or just to the cinema. Every Thursday, in the Rakuda- Bar, a man played the guitar; it was a very relaxing atmosphere. We soon got to know the very attentive chef. We often sat there to plan things for our future trips. Of course we visited the National Marine Aquarium at weekends. It was very large and worth seeing. We were going to take the ferry to Cawsand, when we saw a speedboat there. So we were naturally thrilled to run on this.



*The picture shows me in the Rakuda Bar*

*Badra my colleagues form McGinley, she is from France*

*The friendly Chef from the Rakuda Bar with Sabrina and me*

## I. Exeter

I went with Sabrina, Stephanie und Sabrina by a train to Exeter the City was wonderful for shopping. It was carnival in this day. Many people were traveling with their children.



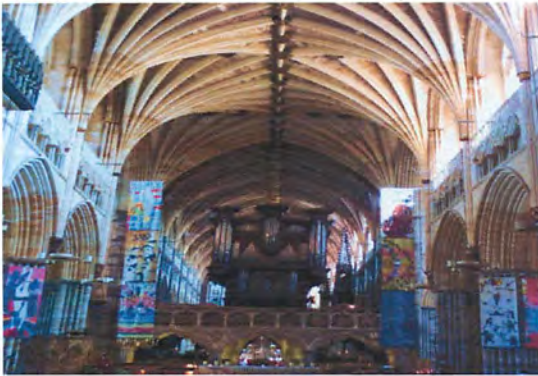
Exeter is a historic city in Devon, England. It lies within the ceremonial county of Devon, of which it is the county town as well as the home of Devon County Council. Currently the administrative area has the status of a non-metropolitan district, and is therefore under the administration of the County Council. The city is on the River Exe, about 37 miles (60 km) northeast of Plymouth, and 70 miles (110 km) southwest of Bristol. According to the 2001 Census, its population in that year was 111,076, while the mid-2010 estimate was 119,600.[3]

We visited the Exeter Cathedral, it is a remarkable building, and we were very

*The  
carnival with  
many people  
can be seen*



impressed by it. It was a good idea is something to see once.



That afternoon we've had a breather by the Exe River, because the weather was very friendly this day. It was sunny all time, so when we got home I had caught a little sunburn. But all in all a great day



## II. Looe



*The beautiful Cathedral can be made out*

*Exeter in view*

*The beach in Looe photographed by a mountain*

Another day we went to Looe by train. It is a small coastal town, a fishing port and civil parish in the former Caradon district of south-east Cornwall, England, with a population of 5,280 (2001 census). Looe is divided into two by the River Looe, made up of East Looe and West Looe, being connected by a bridge. The town is approximately 20 miles (32 km) west of the city of Plymouth and seven miles (11 km) south of Liskeard.

This little town is situated around a small harbour and along the steep-sided valley of the River Looe which flows between East and West Looe to the sea beside a sandy beach. Off shore to the west, opposite the stonier Hannafore beach, lies the picturesque St George's Island, commonly known as Looe Island.

We went to the beach there and enjoyed the beautiful weather. Then we explored the place and went on a little hike. But it was a relaxed day.



*We are at the beach. The image captures a happy mood*



### III. Along the coast to Land's End by a car

<b>Distances from J27, M5</b>	
Dover (Sea Port) - 251 miles	
Gatwick (Airport) - 192 miles	
Heathrow (Airport) - 164 miles	
Birmingham - 140 miles	
Guildford - 137 miles	
Bristol - 81 miles	
<b>Distances along the Atlantic Highway</b>	
J27, M5 TO Barnstaple	33 miles
Barnstaple to Newquay	77 miles
Newquay to Falmouth	24 miles



My Friends and I hired a car in Plymouth. We drove from Plymouth to, Mevagissey and Boswinger there we stopped and stayed in Hostel for a night.



The next morning we started after breakfast at 8 o'clock to St. Michaels Mount. We stopped there for a walk on the beach. There we saw a castle built on a small island across the water. It looked so nice, so we started a hike through the water with rolled up pants.

*A map of our journey*

*This is our car for the weekend a Peugeot 308*



In the afternoon we continued with our trip. Our next stop was Land's End. Reaching our goal there, we were in a good mood. Unfortunately the weather was quite windy. Nevertheless we explored the area. It was a great feeling to stand at the "end" of England. We took countless pictures and had a beautiful view of the cliffs. Of course we also bought some souvenirs there.

*Our first beach by this trip. We are overwhelmed*

*In our time we have always luck with the weather and than was this the name of our travel group*





*A unique experience, the end of England*

*Beautiful flowers can be seen*

*Clear water is illustrated*

*Wonderful cliffs can be made out*

*The picture shows a Lush green plant*



Afterwards we drove through St. Just to St. Ives and stayed there. We did find a hostel there, in which we had a room of three square meters with two double bunk beds waiting for us. It was very lovely. In the evening we were took a shopping trip to the small shops in town. Later we took a couple of drinks in a bar.



*St Ives is  
right on the  
Atlantic  
ocean and a  
great city*

*Sandy beach  
and the  
water is  
bright blue  
it's  
beautiful*



Next morning we went to the beach for a swim. We had said so before our trip, so we had to go through. The water was pretty cold, but we had to laugh a lot. After that we ate breakfast on the beach, it was a great view. The water was just to follow the ebb and the boats were on the dry. Later we continued on to Newquay.



*Newquay  
have good  
beaches for  
surfer and  
natural  
friends  
because the  
landscape is  
great*

*It is a very  
nice city  
with many  
tourists and  
many  
shopping  
facilities*