

Mentors making & experiencing a life changing difference



Meet Sharon McIntyre

Sharon is Financial Inclusion Innovation Manager at Wheatley Group where she has worked for six years. She has also been mentoring with MCR Pathways since 2015 after being introduced to the programme through her organisation. Sharon's background is in supporting children, families and vulnerable tenants. She is a keen advocate for working to fight inequalities. Policy and research, community development and political campaigning are her areas of expertise.

Sharon

We spoke to Sharon to discuss her experience of mentoring with MCR Pathways and her new role as an ambassador for the programme.

Why did you choose to volunteer with MCR Pathways?

I have a passion for getting involved in initiatives that matter. I wanted to take the opportunity to volunteer in a role that could deeply impact a young person who has experience of the care system. I think it's important to create positive role models in our communities and to make an investment through time, expertise and energy that could help another flourish.

What was it like getting ready to be a mentor?

Meeting my first MCR Pathways mentee was nerve-racking and exciting at the same time. I was buzzing to meet them and be there to help a young person understand and realise their aspirations.

What changes have you seen in your mentee?

This is the 3rd young person I have mentored with MCR and I would have to say confidence, time after time, is the first change I notice in a young person.

What do you gain from mentoring?

Mentoring is the highlight of my week! It's a relationship like no other. You gain insight, understanding and appreciation of how hard it is being a young person today.

I enjoy precious time every week with my young person. She lets me into a little bit of her world – it's amazing.

What would you say to others about mentoring?

Do it! Go along to an info session, you won't regret it.



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