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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Shining a light on House of Sport Residents



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WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT DO YOU DO HERE AT HOUSE OF SPORT?

We are **Shayleigh** and **TJ** from Snow-Camp, a youth lead charity using Snowsports as tools to engage with inner city young people, whilst providing them with life skills, qualifications and the long-term goal, EMPLOYMENT!

In a nutshell we visit youth projects and tell them more about what Snow-Camp does and why we do it, we then create a partnership with them in order to keep in touch and move forward, hopefully from then we are able to work closely with the youth projects in order to get the young people starting their Snow-Camp journey in the summer time.

Snow-Camp are the UK's only charity using a unique combination of skiing, snowboarding, education and vocational opportunities to support and empower inner-city young people. Snow-Camp play a key role in motivating and inspiring young people from communities with high levels of deprivation, enabling them to gain qualifications and to develop key-life skills.

Shayleigh: We do what we do because when it comes down to it, we all want to make a difference in a young person's life and being a young worker is all about making a change. For me, combining Snowsports and youth work together in order to make that change possible is the greatest opportunity I could take.

TJ: Skiing and youth work are two things I've held close to my heart for a long time, so being able to work with a charity that are equally passionate and motivated to help make a difference in today's society, is more than I can ask for. I'm confident that Shayleigh and I will, not only, help drive the charity forward, but support as many young lives as possible within London, because, really and truly, that is what we are here for.

Talk us through a typical day in the life of Shayleigh and TJ...

Shayleigh: Once I am in the office, the day really consists of EMAILS!!! No, seriously loads and loads of email answering, but also checking in with my young people, making sure their days are going to plan. I also love organising so making sure everything is in order is probably my favourite part of the day...weird I know!

TJ: As this is a role I've only recently been appointed to, a lot of my time is taking in every aspect of the job and understanding how to do everything, reinforced by my prior knowledge within snowsports and youth work. I have amazing support from the whole Snow-Camp team and hope to take the lead on the next upcoming programme..

When does your alarm go off?

Shayleigh: Well, I set around 5 alarms...yes you read correctly, 5 alarms, you can never be too careful. My first alarm will tend to go off at 5.30 am then 6 am and so on and so forth, although I do normally get up around 7 am with a natural alarm.

TJ: Annoyingly, I ALWAYS forget to switch my alarm off after setting it for the week. This has happened so much that now I have an automatic body clock that wakes me up at 6 am/6.30 am every morning. Not even a lay-in on my days off, imagine!!

What do you typically eat for breakfast?

Shayleigh: I normally skip breakfast on weekdays but on a weekend I do normally wake up to omelettes and BAGELS!

TJ: Breakfast? What's Breakfast??

Favourite Sport/Activity?

Shayleigh: If you haven't guessed, I am a very keen skier.

TJ: I genuinely don't think I've loved anything more than I love skiing, however, after playing rugby for years growing up, that definitely comes in a close second!

What do you do to relax?

Shayleigh: SLEEP! With our programmes running throughout the year, sleep is sometimes bare minimum. Other than sleeping, I do love to cook/bake.

TJ: SLEEP!!

If you had a magic wand and could change the world, what 3 things would you do?

1. **Shayleigh:** I would stop global warming (humans are killing our planet, when will it be too late to turn back?).

TJ: End racism, in all forms!

2. **Shayleigh:** I would give myself magic super powers. **TJ:** To be a fly on the wall when there's a G20 Summit, just to see what they really talk about.

3. **Shayleigh:** I would free everyone who had been wrongly imprisoned. **TJ:** Help eradicate the need for war.

What's next for SNOW-CAMP

Shayleigh: I think for now, the next step would be to continue growing the charity and partnerships.

TJ: Like I mentioned above, we are currently in the process of heading into our next programme which will see the young people progress and gain invaluable training on becoming a snowsports instructor and hopefully, successfully obtain a National Governing Body Level 1 award, as well as a whole host of other exciting partnerships we currently have and building more, generating more funding and ultimately driving the charity forward is the main focus!

Where can we find you at House of Sport?

On Level 3 in the shared office with England Netball.

How can the House of Sport community best help you?

Shayleigh: By being friendly and welcoming. Oh, and by promising if you're ever asked what sport is better (skiing or snowboarding) you always say skiing (joking of course!).

TJ: I feel just by everyone being welcoming and giving us the opportunity to meet everyone and integrate well within the House of Sport community, not only as a charity, but as individuals.

Where can we find you online/digitally?

WWW.SNOW-CAMP.ORG.UK

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