

## Volunteer attains new career at YMCA

A Keele University graduate, with a Master's degree, Zsafia came to volunteer at the YMCA as part of a 50-hour student placement. Her talent and enthusiasm were evident as she fully engaged in training and made a great contribution to all the courses she attended. We also saw Zsafia's creative side. She created and delivered a project called 'Photo-Voice' to garner the opinions of young people living at YMCA North Staffordshire. A qualitative project, it used photography as a tool for self-expression and helped to shape a response to the question: "what does 'community' look like?". Zsafia led on the Youth Consultation project, the results of which were fed back to YMCA and Keele University. This was a huge achievement.



In her role as an Activities Volunteer, she continued to make a valuable contribution to us, joining our young people on trips to a local monastery, a walk around a nearby Reservoir and other educational visits. Zsafia's abilities were soon recognised, and she became an employee. She will begin to work as a Personal Development Coach in May 2025.