



Elizabeth Connell

Company- Touch Trust

Job Title- Operations Coordinator

Why did you choose this Career?

During my time at the RWCMD, I gained a lot of experience in the 3rd sector; working with individuals with a variety of multi-sensory needs, intellectual impairments and ASD. As a musician, I have always been fascinated by the positive effects that musical performances can have on individuals with disabilities, and I knew that I wanted to pursue a career within a sector which promotes inclusive music making.

What pathway did you follow, why was this the most appropriate for you?

I studied for my A Levels at Wyke College and then gained a place at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama where I achieved a degree in Music (BMus Hons). The opportunities granted to me at the RWCMD far surpassed anything that could have been offered at a university. I was lucky enough to enjoy some incredible performance opportunities; playing at the Royal Albert Hall and Royal Festival Halls in London, as well as experiencing some brilliant lectures in Arts Management, Composing and Arranging, Outreach and Teaching skills with industry professionals. The breadth of my experiences at the RWCMD helped me to try out lots of potential niche areas of the music industry before finding a specific aspect that really captured my imagination for a future career.

Now that I have settled into an area that I enjoy, I have started studying again to complete an ILM Level 5 in Strategic Management which will compliment my role at Touch Trust and really help me to progress further up the career ladder in my chosen field.

What is the best thing about your job?

The variety! No two days are the same and I enjoy working on all aspects of my job, from project planning and management, to writing training and delivering sessions! I also love seeing the joy on the faces of our session participants when they leave our centre in the Wales Millennium Centre and being reminded how important our work is as a charity!

What advice would I give my 16 year old self?

Don't be afraid of making mistakes. The ways we tackle problems help us to learn and grow!



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