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Meet Joanne...

Joanne grew up in Chester-le-Street. She graduated from Stephenson College with a degree in Psychology (Applied). She was the first in her family to go to university. She is now employed as a Trainee Educational Psychologist.

"While studying I worked for two local charities, as a support worker for children and young people with disabilities and a support youth worker at a local youth club. I became a Durham Student Ambassador and a rowing coach for Team Durham's community outreach programme. These jobs helped me to decide that I wanted a career working with children and young people. Gaining lots of experience in a variety of roles has been hugely beneficial when applying for jobs after university as it gave me lots of examples to talk about during interviews. Also, they were fun jobs!

I think that university as a whole, including my academic and extracurricular experiences, has helped me to prepare for life in the working world. I loved being at university. Even though it was hard at times, I enjoyed the course, meeting people and trying new things. I got involved in as many things as I could, but there was so much more on offer and not enough time to try them all!"

