

My Internship Experience

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Working with the UN, more precisely at the United Nations Information Centre in Accra has been an unforgettable and exceptional experience.

My internship was for a period of 2 months in summer 2012. It's quite a small office but warm and friendly at the same time. People were very helpful there; even the security men had patience



Ms Partington taking records at an outreach event to mark jointly World Humanitarian Day & International Youth Day 2012

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for my dysfunctional car boot. I always had a good laugh with them anyway. 😊 You know, as a security measure, your car had to be thoroughly checked anytime to make entry into the building. It was a nuisance sometimes but it must be done for our own safety and for those of others.

The lady at the canteen was also super although the food wasn't necessarily yummy. Lunch time was the best time to learn from the FAO staff with whom we share our premises, because they would gather at the canteen and talk about anything and everything. I personally learnt a lot from those little meetings.

On the job front, I had never done media monitoring so it was a good period for learning to do new things. I enjoyed organizing outreach program to create public awareness of the UN activities and ideals. The UN Information Centre helped me explore my creativity and imagination, which I tried my best to incorporate into the programmes we organized.

I will definitely love to come back since the working environment was very conducive. I would recommend doing an internship at UNIC Accra to anyone. It will not only polish what you already know but will also give you that exposure you need to work in similar environments.