

**THE EFFECTS OF A WEEKLY VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT, OF A
YOUNG ADULT AAC USER, ON SOCIAL NETWORKS, COMMUNITY
PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS.**

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Short Abstract

A young adult AAC-user shares her experiences of a weekly voluntary work placement, and the impact it had on social networks, community participation and public awareness. Diary entries and informal interviews with colleagues, community and family members were used to gather information over a 12 month period.