

# Sarah



**Went to Braidwood School for the Deaf-** September 2004- July 2007.

**My job:** Playworker for the deaf children.

**My company:** BID Deaf cultural centre.

## 1. What do I remember about Braidwood School?

I remember making lovely friends and having fun learning new things in each lesson. I also remember the assembly I attended and I have learned a lot of things from Mrs Saywood talking about things that help us to keep achieving things.

### What did I learn?

I learned how to make friends and I have learned so much about education and the things I can do in the future.

### What did I like?

I liked the trips that me and my friends had fun exploring the places that I've never been to.

### **What did I not like?**

I didn't like a lot of homework but it was much needed.

### **Did I work hard?**

Yes, I worked hard to pass my Exams and to get a job in the future.

## **2. Did you always want to be a playworker?**

Yes, I have always known I love working with children. I knew I had a passion to work with children.

### **Have I had other jobs?**

Yes, I had many jobs that have made me more confident in what I do.

I worked at-

DRC (Disability Resource Centre) as an apprentice.

I also have volunteered at various schools be it hearing school, mainstream school and deaf school.

Now I'm working at BID as a play worker for deaf children which I absolutely love working with lovely children!

### **Did I plan to be a play worker?**

No, I wanted to work in any field that involved children like schools, nurseries or after school club. But I finally found the way that I have always wanted to work.

### **How did I get into play worker?**

I did a childcare courses which enabled me to get a job as a play worker at BID.

### **3. What did I do when I left Braidwood school?**

Yes, I went to Bournville College and I did a health and social care course and childcare learning and development courses.

After I was done with college I struggled with looking for a job for about 3 years and when I went to job club at BID and I applied for apprenticeship program in DRC ( Disability Resource Centre) and worked there for 6 months and I really enjoyed my time there and after that I applied for playworker job at BID which I'm currently working. I also teach deaf awareness at different places.

### **4. What is the best thing about being a playworker?**

The best thing about being a playworker is to learn new things from the children and it's really interesting how their minds work.

### **5. What is the worst thing about being a playworker?**

I don't have worst thing about being a playworker as I'm really enjoying the challenges

### **6. What advice would you give a pupil at Braidwood School about life and work?**

The advice I would give to all the pupils at Braidwood School is to work really hard and achieve many things you can and keep trying your best. Never give up on your dreams.