**Rowa Elmahgub**

I am a British citizen who lived in Libya and studied medicine there, but due to the war outbreak I had to flee the country with the rest of my family. I was unable to bring my certificates with me because the university has been destroyed and evacuated.

I came to the United Kingdom to start a new life, which for me was a struggle having to start from scratch. I have applied for lots of jobs through various websites, but had no luck. I heard about Prince’s Trust through the Job Centre, where my coach advised me to apply, hoping that I might get employment with their help. Fortunately, for me, I was accepted and enrolled into the program on the 18th of March 2019.

My experience in “GET INTO THE HOSPITAL SERVECIES “was marvellous. The classes were enjoyable. I learnt lots of things such as: communication skills, how to prepare for an interview and what exactly employers are looking for in a CV.

I was short listed for two jobs at the same time during the second week of the course, one was for a Health Care Assistant at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the other was a Clinical Support Assistant at a primary care centre.

I could already see the progress that I had made in such a short period of time, going from getting no replies to my applications, to being shortlisted within the first two weeks of the course. I began working as a Clinical Support Assistant at a primary care centre on the 22nd of April. The job role as a C.S.A included medical coding, sending tasks to pharmacist to amend dosage of medications and audit and research, which I really enjoyed being involved in the medical sector.

After three months of working as a C.S.A, I was offered employment at the University hospital Birmingham (Queen Elizabeth Hospital) as a Patient Pathway Co-ordinator beginning on a 12 month maternity leave contract and within one month of working there I was offered a permeant contract which I have applied for and begun. Working as a patient Pathway co-ordinator was really interesting and rewarding as I was working to ensure that all Hepatobiliary cancer patients have their first treatment within 31 days from the date they were diagnosed with cancer.

My future plan is to work as a doctor as that has always been my dream. I have had an unbelievable experience with the Prince’s Trust and value all of their advice and encouragement which continues up to this day.

