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Activ customer Beth works towards her dream job through placement at Ultimo

Being around people, having a variety of tasks, and being in a fast-paced environment are just some of the things our customer Beth has learnt she enjoys, through Activ's career coaching program.

Working with her career coach Amanda Faithfull, Beth completed work experience at local business Ultimo Catering and Events, a leader in the Perth events space.

"I liked my placement at Ultimo. I spent time sorting uniforms, maintaining the COVID register, folding napkins and tablecloths, and I even attended an event preparation meeting for an event with the West Australian Ballet," said Beth.

"I like the variety of being in the office and the kitchen. Through the career coaching program I'm able to get a feel for what I want to do, to find out more about how I learn, and to work on my resume."

Career coach Amanda has seen immense growth in Beth's preparedness for work since starting with the career coaching program.

"Beth was initially a little apprehensive but just being in that professional environment, where she was able to try out several different responsibilities was a great opportunity for her and for Ultimo," said Amanda.

"With that exposure to the work environment, we were able to sit down with other staff members at Ultimo and learn about their employment journeys, to see how they got to where they are today. That was great for Beth to see that their experiences were incredibly diverse, and it gave her the confidence to know that her goals were very achievable."

Ultimo's marketing and business development manager Emma Brand said that the local business recognises the importance of providing employment opportunities to people with disability.

"Ultimo encourages a workplace culture of 'be who you are', and I believe that it's our teams' diversity in culture, background, frame of reference, tastes and opinions that keeps us growing, evolving and improving," said Emma.

"Having Beth on the team added another valuable dimension to this culture. Her enthusiasm was infectious and reminded us that it's a privilege to work in an industry we are all so passionate about."

"Many of our teams' career-paths have not been traditional, and we love providing opportunities for others to step into this industry and experience what a career in this space could look like."

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“We really encourage other businesses in Perth to recognise the value of diversity, be open to creating more inclusive workplaces and offering equal employment opportunities.”

Beth’s goal for the future is to become more independent at work, and eventually gain a position in the open job market in the events and catering industry, something Amanda is supporting Beth with.

“The great thing about this program is that we have access to the tools and resources to really get to know our customers and see what they’re capable of doing. With Beth, I’ve worked with her to find an industry that really fits and suits her personality and that I know she’s just going to thrive in,” said Amanda.

“I’ve done lots of transition education in business, IT, maths, retail and hospitality, so now I’m ready for work. I’d love to start working at events,” said Beth.

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