



Michelle's story

When Michelle moved into the Foyer, she was in serious housing need and her studies were suffering. With somewhere secure to live and support from Foyer staff, she got down to work gaining an advanced GNVQ in Health and Social Care at Ryde High School - paving her way to even better things. Michelle left the Foyer after securing a place at Canterbury University to study for a BSc in Occupational Therapy.

Michelle's thoughts: *I am really grateful to the Foyer for helping me achieve my ambition, and I recommend that other young people who need help to achieve independence should apply to live here. (2001)*

'I have really enjoyed my time at the Foyer.'

In 2004 Michelle successfully achieved a 2:1 BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy. She started work at St Richard's Hospital, moving on to Arundel Hospital Chichester where she has been working for the last four years. Michelle has two children. (2010)

Dominic's story

The Foyer gave me a place to stay when I was homeless. But the reality is the Foyer does so much more than that. The Foyer taught me what it is to be part of a community and how to look after other people. Everyone is going through tough times when they live in the Foyer, but it's a place where everyone is in the same boat and they all come together to support each other. The Foyer gave me the experience and knowledge that now help me succeed in my job. (2007)

I have now been working for Milton Keynes YMCA for nearly two years. I started as a Housing Support Worker, helping people who were in similar situations to me when I was in the Foyer. I have worked my way up and am now a Housing Officer, and also run social activities such as a football team.

I have been playing hockey for Milton Keynes for the last year and am going to be Captain of my team next season. I am also hoping to buy my flat in August after spending a year on a Saver Deposit Scheme. (2010)



'For me the Foyer is a place that is not appreciated when you are there, but missed when you're gone.'