

# DIARY OF WORK EXPERIENCE AT RED HAT

## •Week One•

### Monday

Today I had my induction to the workplace; I met my supervisors/very-friendly-and-really-helpful-people: Jameel, Laura, Judy and Dimitra. We got a comprehensive tour of the place and visitors' cards from Aoife and were then placed at our work-station, a lovely desk with a view in an open-plan area next to the Ops and Engineering departments.

Our supervisors helped us to set-up GitHub accounts and joined us to the Slack workplace. They set us a project: make a cordova timetable app using our skills in HTML and my knowledge of CSS.

I was surprised and impressed that there was already a programme of crash courses and projects ready for us and grateful that everyone was so kind and willing to talk to me about their experiences and to answer any questions I had. The day was jam-packed with activities and learning-experiences and I definitely enjoyed myself.

### Tuesday

First thing this morning, I finished setting-up my GitHub repositories and I tested pushing files to it from the computer. Afterwards, we joined our supervisors and Ciaran to play the marshmallow challenge and to talk about structured teamwork.

Most of the afternoon was spent learning the basics of JavaScript: we got an excellent presentation and crash course in variables, data types, conditions, loops, functions and arrays from Dimitra and Ciaran; then they set us a few challenges which we eventually managed to get working with buckets of help from everyone. And I mean everyone.

## Wednesday

This morning I spend some time organising my Google Drive and integrating it with my phone and other google apps. It is an ongoing situation.

We were invited to observe a stand-up led by Jameel via BlueJeans for Team Core in Sprint 4.

As with Tuesday, most of today was spent learning more about JavaScript and making headway (with an abundance of help) on a new challenge: to make a guess-the-random-number game in javascript on a webpage. I got a lot more familiar with the material I learned during the crash course on Tuesday, particularly 'while loops'.

## Thursday

We finally finished the guessing-game challenge this morning, with Judy helping us. It was a learning experience. I then proceeded to spend way too much time making mine look pretty with CSS.

Damien from Software Engineering gave us a presentation/talk about the Software Development Process and Agile: Scrum.

Aoife from Reception talked us through dealing with voicemails in a company via Oracle and showed us the Red Hat Mojo intranet.

Judy from Ops introduced us to Powtoon, which can be used to make interesting, animated presentations.

We observed a stand-up led by Laura from Scrum for Team 1 in Sprint 4.

We joined in on a meeting in the Tuskar room about setting up and running the Red Hat stand at the WIT Arena for Women in Tech.

Jameel from Engineering gave us a new project to work on: making a simple calculator using HTML, CSS and JS.

***•Week Two•***