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SEAN THE FOX

OUR BELFAST & LISBURN TILII VOLUNTEER







Roving Reporters Alex, Jonathan, Alan, Danny, Robert, Michael and Brenda decided because it was volunteer week it would be a good idea to interview our own TILII volunteer Sean Fox

Sean works in primary schools as a learning support assistant, and has recently been accepted at University of Ulster to study a masters degree in Linguistics. Sean has been volunteering with TILII for 3 years.

TILII asked Sean what made him become a volunteer. He said "I wanted to learn more about the world around me, in terms of organisations and how they operate".

Sean supports TILII members to take part in consultations, produce Easy-read documents, and has helped support Louise to build the capacity of the TILII members to become roving reporters.

TILII asked Sean what he likes best about being a volunteer. He said, "I like working with people who I wouldn't otherwise meet, and I am privileged to learn so much from them, about who they are, and their values".

TILII asked Sean if he would recommend being a volunteer to others. He responded, "I would recommend volunteering to anyone who wants to learn about people and organisations, or who feels they have a contribution to make. The great thing about volunteering is that you can contribute in your own way and be creative".

What TILII Members said about Sean:

Alex said, "Having a volunteer is great. Sean helps Louise to support us to make a difference in our community and show that people with a learning disability have a lot to offer".

Alan, Danny and Jonathan said, "Sean helps us and he is our friend".

Michael said, "Louise is a good laugh, but Sean knows more about football, he is one of the boys!".

Mary said "Sean is a gentleman".

Brenda, our newest member of TILII, said, "I like working with Louise, Sean, and TILII because I am having fun and doing important work".

TILII members support volunteer week #Goforit and hope you are as proud of our volunteer Sean as we are.

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