

MY EXPERIENCE AT VALTO



My name is Britt, I am 23 and from Shotton, Flintshire. I am currently a Gappie on WeMindtheGap’s WeGrow employability programme.

Before the programme, I was doing Electrics in College but didn’t know what I wanted to do in the future and struggled with confidence and meeting new people. During the programme, I’ve completed work placements in different sectors, I really enjoy IT and was excited to have the opportunity to visit Valto in Chester, for a placement day recently.

Valto is a Microsoft Partner who use Office365 and Cloud Technologies to create products/software to sell to their clients.

When I first entered the building, I was shown a lovely break room which looked very homely but also professional. The stairs in front of me led to the main office which had many high-tech monitors and equipment for working on the products (guides, apps, etc.) and for meetings. I hadn’t seen an office space like it before.



The staff were very welcoming and friendly and informed me on what I needed to know about the company and how it works as well as everyone’s job roles.

They informed me about a great opportunity on Microsoft Learn. This was an AI Challenge for Azure. When you complete twenty modules within the time limit, you would get a free exam on the subject, which is great for my CV. I am currently working on this challenge.

I learnt about Power Apps, which I didn’t know existed, and had the chance to learn how to use it. I had the time to try different things on it such as link my spreadsheet to the app which allowed me to import products that I have listed in the spreadsheet, which made it look like an online shop. It included the title of the product and the price. In addition, I learned formulas to link pages with other pages with buttons. There are plenty of choices to go to for dinner in the area with a friendly environment.

I enjoyed my day at Valto, I learned a lot. Thank you Mel and the Valto team for making me feel so welcome.

Melissa Stephanie, Developer at Valto looked after Britt on the day and commented:

“During her day at Valto, Britt from WeMindTheGap organisation proved herself to be a proactive and curious learner. Immersing herself in the world of Power Apps, she asked insightful questions and swiftly grasped the concepts.

Her initiative in designing a game inventory and ordering app demonstrated her potential as a future Power Apps developer. Britt's quick adaptability and evident enjoyment throughout the day hint at a promising career trajectory in this field.

In just one day, Britt left a lasting impression with her enthusiasm and aptitude, showcasing a genuine passion for the work’.

‘WeMindTheGap are incredibly grateful for Valto’s support, both of Britt and our wider community of young people. The Valto team have not only hosted experience days for Gappies, but have also fundraised through sponsored runs and various events. They will be taking on the 3 Peaks this Summer, and we’re excited to cheer them on’. Laura Columbine, Flintshire Community Maker, WeMindTheGap.

