Better World Showcase 2018

Demonstrating how the Faculty of Science & Engineering is Making a Difference

Refugee Conversation Club / Breast Cancer Awareness

Initiative

Aiswarya was the co-leader of Refugee Conversation Club, an initiative that runs weekly English classes for refugees and asylum seekers. The club runs every Saturday from 2-4pm and helps the refugees build confidence and become eligible to obtain jobs. The learners are of many different nationalities and levels of English proficiency. Additionally, in June, Aiswarya completed a 500 km cycling challenge in 4 days to raise funds for breast cancer research. She successfully met the fundraising target and all the money she raised went to Breast Cancer Now — the UK's leading Breast Cancer charity.

How Aiswarya has Made a Difference

As project leader, Aiswarya consistently worked to prepare weekly lesson plans, coordinate and train volunteers and used social media to raise awareness for the cause. She was instrumental in expanding the intercultural awareness of her volunteers and ensuring they remain on high alert to avoid triggers that may upset the learners. The experience made Aiswarya realise her passion for education and led her to volunteer as an English teacher for disadvantaged youths in Morocco in December 2017.

For the cycling challenge, she successfully raised £2,000 and was even featured in a blog (https://thewordlust.com/read.html#observatory/148930109641). The mere fact that she completed the challenge — although she is not athletic in the least — was very inspiring. She makes a difference to those around her and inspires them to do the same!

Nominated for Outstanding volunteer

Vote


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