

Work Experience STORIES

Jakub's Real-Life Civics Course: Interning at the MLA Constituency Office



Jakub's curiosity is always leading him to question how things work. One of his big questions was about what goes on at our local MLA office.

After completing his preplacement work, Jakub was excited to get the chance to intern as a Junior Constituency Assistant at North Vancouver-Seymour MLA Susie Chant's office located in Lynn Valley Village.

Susie's team was thrilled to welcome Jakub into the office where he could help lend a youthful lens to policy issues and advocacy work they work on for their constituents.

Over the course of placement, Jakub's curiosity was satisfied as he learned the inner workings of an MLA office. "I learned a lot about the daily tasks and many of the processes that go into representing the people on a provincial level."



The office staff loved having Jakub. "Jakub is punctual, enthusiastic, engaged and focused on the tasks he is working on," raved Constituency Assistant Michael Charrois, "we are giving him office organizing tasks and well as writing and research assignments."

Overall Jakub had a gratifying learning experience and appreciated the time and knowledge the staff shared with him.

Following the placement, Jacob is still exploring his options, "but," he says, "working in the MLA office has provided me with insight which has steered me towards a more political career."

If you have a student currently in grade 9-11, it is not too late to add the Work Experience course to their schedule for next year. The course is worth four credits and students gain valuable work experience and opportunities that will help them better determine and understand their career focus. For more information on the course, please contact the WEX Facilitator, Janice Knapp – jknapp@sd44.ca. To add the course, please contact your student's grade counsellor.