

REPORT ON 100 DAYS PLACEMENT AT BRASS (JAN. – JUNE 2011)

The 100 days placement that I did at BRASS has been full of exciting and great experience both in terms of the actual work that I carried out and the people I worked with, that is , staff and the clients. To start with, the placement gave me a first hand experience of working directly with vulnerable people who were asylum seekers, refugees and others with various challenging issues such as homelessness and unemployment.

It was a great opportunity for me to be able to explore and apply my knowledge of social work theories particularly on anti-discrimination and anti-oppressive practice which threaded the placement and how these work in practice and the way it impact on the day to day life of the vulnerable people who accesses services at BRASS.

Furthermore, the staff at BRASS were very friendly and warm towards me and offered a great support in making my learning experience a pleasant one. The environment, though quite busy was also good and warm.

On the whole , it was great and pleasant experience, however, there is the need for BRASS to acquire more offices and computers so that staff can be able to attend to clients in a more relaxed and conducive environment. This is very crucial if any meaningful and valued social work activity is to be carried out. This was one of the challenges that I faced during my placement, hopefully there will be an improvement on this before the commencement of the next placement for the next set of students.

Lastly, I will like to express my warm gratitude to all the staff and chair of BRASS for their support in making the placement a memorable experience and a great success for me . I also say a very big thank you to Sylvie , my supervisor and Malcolm. Thank you and God bless.

Margaret Olagunju
Social Work Student
MMU