

CATEGORY | Rising Environmental Health Star

WINNER | Lindsey Holmes



INTRODUCTION

Lindsey has promote the role of EHPs to students in their final year, providing work placement opportunities allowing students to experience working in the EH environment to then make informed career decisions and be work ready when they leave their EH studies. In addition, support University programs to bring the private sector and academic studies closer by delivering a program of mock kitchen audits with students and private sector employees.

Overview of experience and commitment to professional development

From initially identifying a desire to become an EHP whilst working as a Deputy Manager in her local Pub. Lindsey put herself through Uni stepping down from her management role to give herself the time to follow her dream. Lindsey qualified in 2016, joining NSF International the same year. Lindsey soon shone out with her bubbly personality, levels of engagement with clients, learnt from her time behind a busy bar, and applying her academic learnings directly in the workplace to help promote a safer environment for the public and employees of the clients she visited using a style and language that really landed with the teams she was inspecting.

Work-related achievements

After just 15 months Lindsey was promoted to South West Team Manager where she now leads a team of up to 20 full time and independent contractors conducting private sector inspections for a variety of clients across the South West, utilising her skills of time management, people skills and technical skills to support her team through the delivery of nearly 10000 inspections per year.

Specialisation

Lindsey's infectious personality is now focused on both encouraging her team to be the best they can be as well as delivering on a personal goal of working closely with University Centre Weston inspiring new students to become EHPs and be as work ready as possible to help them become great EHPs themselves.

Summary of a project/initiative

Lindsey work ethic and commitment to delivering a safe environment for the public through improved food and hygiene standards has driven her on both in her career at NSF but also working closely with UCW for the last year.

At UCW, working closely with her former lecturers Lindsey has both managed a scheme where students get a chance to shadow NSF inspections to see how academic learning is applied in the commercial workplace and through a series of university based activities where students and NSF inspectors review kitchen standards and share experiences in calibration activities.

How this individual will make a positive contribution to the EH profession in their future career

This activity has led on to a more widespread University engagement program where Lindsey has been invited to speak at other University career events to further promote the benefits of shadow programs to new students encouraging EHPs of the future. Lindsey has been recognised by UCW winning the best Placement Provider Award earlier this year for her work with the students and Academic staff.