



Dear Mr Carty,

I would like to express my own personal gratitude for the sponsorship money that your company has provided to Northumbria University this year.

I graduated in July 2013 with a first class (honours) degree in BA Geography. It has been a fantastic experience to come back to the university and undertake this post-graduate level research project. I have already learnt so much over the last three months as a research assistant and this has been made possible by your generous financial support.

I am currently conducting a sub-research project contributing to the research of Victoria Gibson. This is looking to verify whether sustainable communities would serve as a suitable research protocol for the contextualisation of the CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) framework developed by Victoria. As well as considering what impact these parameters of sustainable communities has on crime and the application of CPTED measures. This is to aid Victoria's proposed CPTED framework in the transition from academia to implementation.

The research has proven to be very interesting and is being conducted through a comprehensive review of academic literature, achieved through qualitative data collection and analysis. This will be followed up by interviews with relevant stakeholders in the New Year. Working closely with Victoria has allowed me to learn more about the work she is carrying out in Trinidad and it is incredibly fulfilling to be a part of research that has the potential to create real, positive change straight after finishing my degree.

It is my aim to produce a full written report of my findings in January 2014. Your support has also made it possible for me to enrol on an MSc programme here at Northumbria University, and my learning will be enhanced by the research project work I am also undertaking. This will not only aid my work with the university and Victoria, but also improve my skills and future prospects.

Without your financial support I could not have considered staying on in Newcastle for another year and doing further research with the university at this level.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

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