

Internationally Qualified Social Workers Experiences

Name: Szilvia

Organisation: Extern

Country: Hungary

**Additional Learning
and Development:**

100 Day placement in a
social work role.

““I enjoy gaining more and more knowledge and going to training that Extern offers for their social workers.”

What are your thoughts about the journey to meeting the Northern Ireland Social Care Council social work standards?

It was hard work. I worked full-time hours in my placement and then worked for an agency at the weekends as a support worker. I had two brilliant practice teachers. One of them was onsite. I got knowledge about social work theories, law, Welfare System, etc

What do you enjoy about social work in Northern Ireland?

I am glad that I am able to use my diploma again after 8 years as I studied 4 years. Also, I get to use the five years social worker experience I gained before I moved to the UK. I enjoy working in a great team and getting opportunities to keep on training and learning. I also enjoy being better paid for my work - the average social worker wage in Hungary is £400/£500 per month).

What challenges have you experienced in settling into your social work role?

I got a job at a new project in Extern. It was challenging first as I wasn't sure if I could make a success of it, but I would say the clients really like it.

