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## Louise Macaulay

Louise Macaulay has been a member of Black Watch Battalion Army Cadet Force for nearly seven years. She has completed a BTEC First Diploma in Public Services.

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Louise is currently studying Community Learning and Development at Dundee University. Although Louise had sufficient academic qualifications to enrol on the course, the very nature means that candidates must prove achievement and involvement within the community, outside of school.

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The experiences involved in completing the BTEC are still assisting Louise with her degree.

*“I have the advantage against other applicants in securing work placement, as I have good experience in an informal learning environment.”*

Louise’s immediate goal is to complete her degree, and undertake some volunteering with young people in her community. In the future, she would like to join the Territorial Army as a Military Police Officer.



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