New Trainee At the NCRC

When the opportunity came to work her as the latest trainee, I went for it. I already knew what it meant to walk through the door with a problem, a vague hope that someone might point me in the right direction. Now I get to be one of the people who says, “Let’s have a look.” When you ask for help, you sometimes discover that you can help others too.

Our NCRC is like a little Aladdin’s cave of wonders. It has all the usual IT gadgets: printers, computers, black boxes with flashing lights, but also paperwork tools, binders, laminators, highlighters and sharp knives. We can help you launch a revolution (administrative only), overthrow your filing system (but only on Mondays) or write your nan a Facebook birthday card.

Less obvious from the room full of desks with monitors is how much creative work gets done here. We are poster designers, portal wizards (if it’s online, we can help you reach it) and creative publishers. We can help turn that Post-it idea or sketch into a postcard, a calendar or whatever else can be printed, posted, framed or circulated.



We can do all this for merely modest praise, and we’ll even discount that if you join us as a member. Our multiskilled and extraordinarily patient manager sets the standard for us all. We are generous with our time and careful with yours; we listen carefully and remember to forget everything.

As the latest trainee at the NCRC, it’s been my absolute joy to tackle so many different issues, conundrums and “Why is my phone doing this?” questions. My Publisher and Photoshop skills have improved, my sleuthing techniques have likewise, and I feel sure that, with sturdy shoes and a set of Bib trail cutlery I could save a small village from impending disaster, or help you log on to that online course.

If you don’t have the tool to fix your problem, we’ll make it up. The tool, that is. With our remote, rural and very agricultural mindset. … creative solutions are our jam!

For all our joking, we know where our role begins and ends. The NCRC is here for the smaller jobs and the bigger projects. The NCRC is a community space: somewhere to spend time, read the news, keep in contact with family, work beside other people or follow a new interest down a rabbit hole. You do not need to arrive knowing exactly what you are doing.

Come in, find us, ask us, join us. Bring the half-formed idea, the frustrating form or the thing you have always wanted to try. Have sticky notes, will travel. Have an idea, will go far.

Somewhere in this Aladdin’s cave we may have just the right tool, cable, form or genie to help.

Janet Leigh

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