

Spotlight on Paula Figueiredo



1. What's your role at Peabody?

Community Café Supervisor.

2. What brought you to Peabody?

I have always liked cooking and helping people in general, also this job was just a 2 minute walk from my home. I used to see some of the staff in and around the office but never thought I would one day be a colleague.

In Portugal I worked as Operations Supervisor in DHL in the air department for 5 years and when I moved to the UK I worked in catering to improve my English.

3. What are you working on at the moment?

I manage the day to day running of the Café and I am also always researching exciting new healthy recipes to add to the specials board. I also help my colleague Emma in the Community Shop and with Food Cabin deliveries when needed.

4. What's one of your favourite things about this place?

People, learning about them, understanding different cultures, personalities and backgrounds. Very exciting!

5. Which of the Charlton/Peabody values means the most to you, and why?

"Love new ideas" because I like to change all the time and take part in new challenges. For example, I love trying different recipes and dishes in the café and incentivise volunteers to cook something from their culture/countries. The last one was jollof rice that I learned with our friendly volunteer Joyce.

6. What makes you smile?

My son and my daughter.

7. Tell us about your home.

I live in a temporary accommodation right now, there are a lot of things that I would like to change but I can't. For example, I would love to fix the garden and turn it into a beautiful and relaxed space for me and my children. Unfortunately, we can't get too attached to the house as we are leaving it behind someday.

8. Tell us something about you that we might be surprised by.

I travelled to Brazil to do an intense acting course and I did a few acting and theatre shows whilst living in Portugal as it was my dream job.

FAVOURITE...

- **Food:** Barbeque
- **Band/Singer/Group:** Queen
- **Favourite song:** Echame La Culpa (Demi Lovato & Luis Fonsi), something that makes me dance.
- **Film:** Ghost
- **Sport:** Horse Riding
- **Dream place to visit:** Thailand (the elephants, massages, beaches and The long neck women).