My name is Timi Olasupo, I’m 19 years old and currently living in Hertfordshire with my mum, and my three older siblings they all mean the absolute world to me. Especially because I have such a great bond with my two sister and my brother, they have always been my biggest supporters, and I am so grateful for them.

*Timi Olasupo Auto Biography*

I am currently on an internship course with North Hertfordshire College and my placement is with the Quality and Assurance Team at Hertfordshire County Council.

In my spare time, I enjoy watching wrestling on television and attending live events to see my favourite WWE superstars, such as Roman Reigns, Randy Orton, and Tiffany Stratton. Wrestling has been a significant part of my life for as long as I can remember. I had the pleasure of meeting the current undisputed WWE champion, Cody Rhodes, at a Southside Wrestling show in Stevenage a few years ago. I also enjoy traveling the world and socializing with my friends and siblings in various settings, including restaurants, bars, festivals, and on holidays.

I have an EHCP and was diagnosed with Prader–Willi syndrome from a young age, which made my educational journey challenging. Despite these difficulties, I have always aspired to achieve my dream job in event planning. I plan to complete a Level 4 Event Management Degree with Event Crowd, with the hope of one day running my own festival called Mega Vibes.

I am delighted to be chosen to be an expert by experience so I can help and support young aspiring people who feel like they don’t have a voice yet. I know how important it is to feel listened in to in your EHCP meeting and I want to help create a system where everyone feels valued and has an opportunity to succeed. I have already started making a difference by taking action and ensuring SEND is everyone’s business and during the co production event on the involvement of young people I identified that we need to change the use of language when writing plans.

This year, I plan to help young people and inspire them to pursue their dream jobs. I will achieve this by using photos of famous individuals, such as Ed Sheeran, Eminem, and various other professionals from different industries, to demonstrate that disabilities do not prevent anyone from achieving their goals. It is crucial to leverage social media to communicate this message effectively.

Throughout my life, I have faced numerous challenges due to my condition, although I have always strived to overcome them with determination and resilience. My journey has taught me the importance of perseverance and the value of hard work. These experiences have shaped me into a person who is not only passionate about event planning and also dedicated to making a difference in young people’s life’s and looking ahead. I am excited about the future and the opportunities it holds. I am committed to expanding my knowledge on special educational needs to help the young people of Hertfordshire as much as I can.