Ambache Award Report – Lori Standen

In 2016 I was awarded the Ambache Award of £1000 to help towards my studies in my second year of training on the MA Music Therapy at Roehampton University. My course was part-time over the period of 3 years from September 2015-June 2018.

I was extremely grateful to receive such an amount, as I knew it would go a long way in helping to support me throughout my time on the training. The money has meant I was able to put it towards travel costs to and from University and placements, as well as purchasing recommended reading for the course alongside any additional costs in relation to my course. It took a lot of pressure off me, meaning I would not have to work so many extra hours outside of the training to financially support these requirements. I was able to focus more on my studies and enjoy the training, knowing I could financially see it through.

I completed my course in June 2018. Since then I have been searching for jobs that are nearer to my home location and will give me the chance to put all my training into action. I am still awaiting to become HCPC registered but I have an interest in a job vacancy based in Bognor Regis working at a home for the elderly. I will be applying for this job in the next week or so. I am also keen to become a member of Belltree Music Therapy and Waves who both allocate and refer clients to Music Therapists working on a freelance basis within the local area. I am looking forward to the possibilities and opportunities that await me now that I have been able to complete this training.