WORK-RELATED LEARNING

The easy way for schools and colleges to provide essential employer encounters for students
WHY OFFER WORK-RELATED LEARNING?

Work-related learning encompasses all of those essential employer encounters from careers fairs and mock interviews to employer talks and, of course, work experience programmes. A well-structured work-related learning programme is of great benefit to students and work experience in particular can be instrumental in students developing both hard and soft skills. Work experience as part of work-related learning can also lead to increased engagement and attainment as well as improved transitions from education to work.

Work experience can help young people look beyond education to gain an understanding of the world of work and the skills required in today’s labour market. Having a taster of what it is like to work is recognised as an important part of a good career guidance programme and is one of the eight Gatsby benchmarks of good career guidance; the Gatsby Good Career Guidance report suggests that every pupil should have first-hand experiences of the workplace to help their exploration of career opportunities and expand their networks.
WHY EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT TRUST?

We have been delivering work-related learning activities and work experience on behalf of schools since 2012 and we are proud of our personalised, evidence-informed approach. Our work has been recognised as gold standard – the highest possible accreditation – from the work experience champion, Fair Train.

When it comes to work placements, we look after the entire process from start to finish; we work closely with a range of employers – and are constantly expanding our network – and each student is carefully matched with a suitable placement that will develop and stretch their skills and knowledge.

STEP 1

Once you have chosen to work with us, you will be appointed a dedicated organiser to work with you. This person will remain your single point of contact throughout and will work with you to identify requirements, offer specialist advice and carefully design a work experience programme for your school or college.

STEP 2

Each student completes an application form outlining their placement preferences including their choice of occupational area and location; this form is signed by parents/carers.

STEP 3

Where required, a meeting is held with the school to discuss individual students’ needs including SEND and vulnerable students.

STEP 4

Education Development Trust carefully selects a suitable work placement for each student. We work with more than 3,000 vetted employers and we are constantly working to further extend our network. We pride ourselves on our personalised service and your work placement organiser will have oversight of all placements as well as all student profiles to ensure the best match.

STEP 5

Employers are sent confirmation letters; students receive bespoke role descriptions.

STEP 6

Education Development Trust is available throughout the placement to support employers and work with schools to help minimise issues. Students can be issued with an (optional) work experience journal to help frame their learning.

STEP 7

Evaluations completed with students and employers; schools are provided with an impact report.
ABOUT EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Education Development Trust is an international not-for-profit organisation with an exclusive focus on education. We work with governments, donor agencies and clusters of schools worldwide to design and deliver effective education improvement. We invest annually in our programme of research to help to improve education around the world – all freely available to access and download.

We have been a leading careers service provider in the UK for more than 20 years and have a successful track record of managing programmes delivering careers, employment and skills support.

Find out more at educationdevelopmenttrust.com

WHO WE WORK WITH

We are constantly expanding our network of employers; here are just some of the organisations we work with:

- GallifordTry
- GUIDE DOGS
- IGS
- NatWest
- Panasonic
- HEADMASTERS
- TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

FIND OUT MORE

To find out more about how we can help you to arrange a bespoke work experience programme – and more – for your students, please contact us to discuss. We offer a suite of work-related learning services such as careers fairs, mock interviews and employer talks and, together, we can help shape and develop a work-related learning programme that suits your school and your students.
‘I would like to say that the week with the St Mark’s student went very well and we are considering offering an apprenticeship to him. He was very professional and a very fast learner. He managed to produce a good portfolio and present it at his interview with Kingston college.’

Ioannis Michalakoudis CEng, engineering manager, Industrial Gas Springs Ltd, Mitcham

‘I had the privilege of being able to work at Orleans House Gallery. During the week we worked in events, had an insight into curation and spent a lot of time helping in workshops with younger children. It has given me a broad appreciation of what it would be like to work in such a creative space...Now I am definitely considering working in arts education so the experience has been incredibly helpful.’

Rosaleen Williams, Year 12, Orleans Park School, Twickenham

“work” can be taken out of it – it should instead be referred to as “pure joy”. I finally left (at least temporarily) on Friday after giving a short presentation on the best week of my life.’

Chris Lombard, Year 12, Orleans Park School, Twickenham

‘Learning the different tasks performed in the IT department would definitely be useful for my desire to enter the computing field in the future, as well as a general overview of the office life.’

Abhishek Manikandan, Year 10, Reading School
CONTACT THE WORK-RELATED LEARNING TEAM

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