

Make a success of work experience

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Connexions in Tyne and Wear would like to show you how easy it can be to become involved in work experience and offer young people the chance to experience the world of work.

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Work experience in Tyne and Wear

Connexions in Tyne and Wear are the local organiser of work experience for schools, colleges and academies across Tyne and Wear and arrange around 12,000 placements a year. Each school agrees dates with Connexions for sending students out on work experience. This helps avoid large numbers of students requiring placements at the same time.

Placements may be a block placement of one or two weeks, or an extended placement of a half-day or full-day over several weeks. The purpose of work experience is to give students a taste of working life in the company of adults in a working environment.

Employers have control over how often they offer placements to local schools. We will ask you well in advance to agree dates suitable for your business and co-ordinate the allocation of students on placement. Usually it is the school's Work Experience Co-ordinator who matches the student to the placement.

Own arrangements/personal placements

Schools regularly encourage students to use their initiative and find placements for themselves. Sometimes this will be with employers who are already on our database, sometimes with other employers. Connexions in Tyne and Wear ensures all appropriate paperwork and checks are in place before any placement is confirmed.

"It changed our outlook on work experience and our perspective of young people. The student was very hard working and brought a lovely, fresh new approach"

Carole Winstanley
Halifax Estate Agents

"Welcoming work placement students into our hotel has strengthened our link with the local community as well as proving to be a very positive learning experience for all"

Marriott Hotel
Sunderland

Benefits to the Employer

- Influencing the quality of future employees by giving students more relevant skills and understanding of work
- Increased recruitment opportunities
- Enhancing the company profile in the local community and building good relationships with schools, colleges and academies in the area
- Raising awareness of career and training opportunities
- Staff development and motivation

Benefits to young people

- Helps to develop skills such as communication, working with others and problem solving
- Helps to develop employability skills
- Helps them learn directly about working life and the working environment
- Helps them to gain an insight into possible future careers

If you would like to find out more, we would be happy to arrange a visit to your premises. Call us free on 0800 073 8700 and ask for the Vacancy Team.

