Gaining experience in the Technology sector

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Introduction

• First year EEE with Placement Year student at Brunel University London.
• Has a background in IT.
• Gained work experience at several technological firms including Capgemini, Sky TV and O2.
What this presentation will consist of

• Benefits of work experience to young people.
• Benefits of work experience for tech firms.
• Different types of work experience.
• Top tips for looking for securing work experience.
• Great websites for work experience.
• Spotlight: 2-3 Degrees.
• Lesser known ways of getting work experience.
• Getting work experience candidates.
• Any questions?
Benefits of work experience for young people

• Provides an insight into the world of work.
• Can help the young person secure a job.
• Helps achieve better grades.
• Develop key transferable skills, such as communication, teamwork and problem-solving.
• Networking – the most important!
Benefits of work experience for tech firms

• Benefits the entire industry – builds your customer base.
• Fresh young talent – young people can bring a whole new energy and perspective.
• Valuable contributions to current Projects – Can provide valuable support for current Projects.
Different types of work experience

- Short-term placements
- Internships
- Placement year
- Insight days
Top tips for securing work experience

- Expect to send out a lot of applications but get few responses.
- Perseverance is key!
- Rejection is redirection.
Great websites for work experience

- GoThinkBig
- Student Ladder.
- Speakers4Schools.
- Springpod.
- Uptree.
- Bright Network.
- Forage (formerly known as “InsideSherpa”).
Spotlight – 2-3 Degrees

• Youth organisation based in Bermondsey.
• Have managed to secure a technical work experience placement at Chelsea FC via this organisation.
Lesser known ways of getting work experience

70-80% of work experience placements are secured through networking.

Your institution can be very helpful.
Getting work experience candidates

Create a partnership with schools, colleges and Universities.

Try and set virtual work experience with a deadline.
Next steps

SPEAK TO AS MANY YOUNG PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

SPEAK TO THE EARLY CAREERS TEAM AT THE FIRM YOU WORK FOR – TRY AND GET THEM TO ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIPS WITH NEARBY INSTITUTIONS.

VOLUNTEER TO HOST A YOUNG PERSON FOR WORK EXPERIENCE – THIS CAN BE FOR EITHER ONE DAY OR TWO WEEKS.
Any questions?

Thank you for your time and attention.