



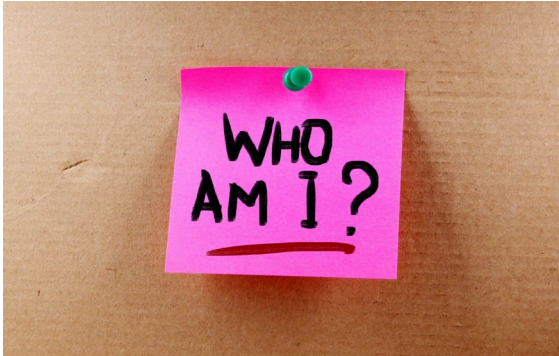
Gaining experience in the Technology sector

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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.



WHO
AM I?

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

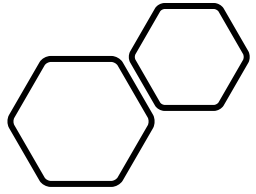
- Provides an insight into the world of work.
- Can help the young person secure a job.
- Helps achieve better grades.
- Develop key transferable skills, such as communication, teamwork and problem-solving.
- Networking – the most important!





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.



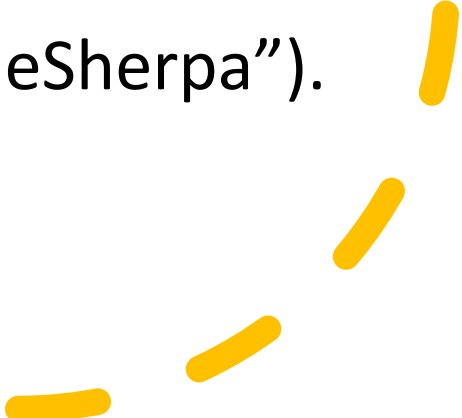
Perseverance is key!



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Great websites for work experience

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

- Youth organisation based in Bermondsey.
- Have managed to secure a technical work experience placement at Chelsea FC via this organisation.



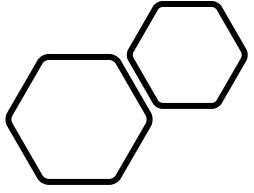
Lesser known ways of getting work experience



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.

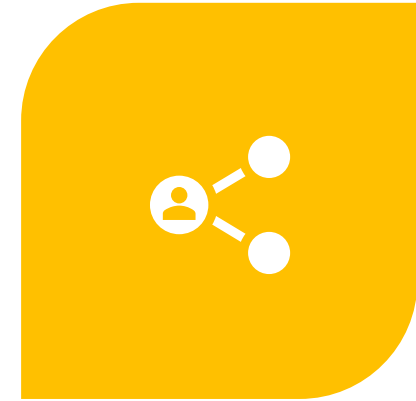
Next steps



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.

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Thank you for your time and
attention.



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