

# Virtual Work Experience

## London Enterprise Advisor Network



## The Value of Work Experience

A challenge around the pandemic is ensuring our young people still get to experience the world of work in our currently virtual world

Delivered well online experiences and encounters can provide valuable opportunities for our students. Through active participation online young people can find out about industries that might not have been otherwise accessible. They help equip young people to make their own decisions around future pathways. They help to ensure these current cohorts of students do not get left behind due to the current restrictions

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### ENGAGEMENT

Employer experiences reduce the risks of becoming NEET

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### EXPERIENCE

Fewer students are experiencing the world of work through part time jobs

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### EMBRACE

Teach young people digital skills, team work and communication in an online environment



### Sectors

Virtual experiences mean students can access a variety of industries with ease



### Resources

Arrange of links to a number of opportunities for students to gain VWEX



### Inspire

Virtual work experience is available in a variety of different sectors and industries

## Virtual Work Experience Links

Some programs run throughout the year whilst others have specific application timetables - please refer to each organisation for their application processes and time line

### MEDICINE

[Observe GP](#) is an alternative to work experience for aspiring medics aged 16 and over, who are living in the UK. It is a free interactive video platform providing insights into the role of a GP and the wider primary care team.

[BSMSoutreach](#) provides a 'virtual' work experience for those looking to apply to medical school. You will be introduced to the NHS before exploring the roles and skill sets of six different medical specialists. Along the way, you will also consider some of the challenges and wider issues doctors face

[Brighton and Sussex Medical School](#) This course provides a 'virtual' work experience for those looking to apply to medical school. You will be



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### DIGITAL

[Scape group](#) recognise that there is huge demand for high-quality, virtual work experience programmes that will inspire and engage young people and recently ran a pilot program. You can now register interest for their future programs.

### BRANDING/MARKETING/GRAPHIC DESIGN

[Hunter Bevan](#) have two briefs to choose from. One is a marketing brief and the other a design brief for a fictitious motor dealer, based on a real-life project

## REQUIREMENTS FOR GATSBY BENCHMARK 6

- Learning outcomes are defined, based on the age and the needs of the students
- Students meet a range of people from the workplace
- There is extensive two-way interaction between the student and employees
- The student must perform a task or produce a piece of work relevant to that workplace and receive feedback on it from the employer



## STEM

**Jacobs** The virtual work experience program they've developed takes students through the design of a coronavirus vaccine research facility over five weeks and 10 sessions, giving students the opportunity to develop STEM skills ranging from project management to architecture, and other critical workplace skills like problem solving and comprehending multiple sources of data

## LAW

**Kennedys** students take the first step of their legal career with a global law firm that looks at things from a different perspective.

**The Lawyer Portal** has links to a number of law firms that now offer virtual work experience opportunities for students

## ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

**Halliday Fraser Munro** have an objective for their program so that at the end of completing these tasks students will have further developed their interest in architecture and will have learnt skills and understanding in spatial modelling and interpreting a client brief

## GENERAL AND PORTALS

**Inside Sherpa** is a portal for a variety of free virtual work experience programs from a number of leading businesses with the focus of increasing accessibility of career opportunities for students

**Industrial Cadets** established in 2010 they recognised that UK industries needs to attract and recruit talented young people to the workforce. Industrial Cadets recognises that industry flourishes when employers successfully support and help young people enter the workplace through high quality work place experiences

**Rate my placement** - register online to be first in line for their on line career events.

**All about careers** is a wealth of resources around work experience including tips, suggestions and opportunities to make the most out of the experience

**Movement to work** supports organisations of all shapes and sizes to unlock the potential young people by offering quality work placement opportunities, Movement to Work aims to help both to drive business performance and bring about lasting social change

**Spring pod** helps young people get a head start in their career by finding suitable work experience opportunities. There are a number of apprenticeship opportunities on the platform as well.

**Barclays Life Skills** Virtual Work Experience gives you a unique opportunity to gain work experience in a company that you might not normally get access to while highlighting the essential skills you might need.

**Speakers for schools** To address the need for high quality work experience, in communities which often have a disconnect between the aspirations of young people, and the presence of outstanding employers

**PWC** The programme combines both live and pre-recorded sessions which will provide students with an insight into PwC and an opportunity to develop your employability skills

**Prospects** collates a number of different virtual work experience opportunities from variety of different businesses

