

What is work experience?

- The opportunity of a one or two week work placement for students age 14-16 who attend schools in Calderdale and Kirklees.
- Every year over 7,000 students go on work experience.
- Thousands of local companies offer placements for students.
- At Calderdale & Kirklees Careers we make arrangements with schools and businesses to ensure the placement is as safe, enjoyable and meaningful as possible.
- What does it involve?
- An adviser from C&K Careers visits your company to set up the placement and agree tasks a student can do.
- Students interested in your area of work are selected and placement dates agreed with you.
- In schools, students prepare for work experience and learn aspects of the world of work.
- Students usually come along with a diary or workbook. They may need to gather information and complete short assignments.
- Teachers will pay a brief visit during the placement to see how the student is progressing.
- On returning to school students are encouraged to share and learn from their experience. They should send you a thank you letter.

What's in it for students?

Work experience gives them the chance to:

- Find out more about the world of work and how it differs from school.
- Gain an insight into different jobs.
- Find out how companies really work.
- Carry out real, meaningful tasks and learn new skills.
- Achieve in and adapt to a new environment.
- Work with and be treated as adults.
- Develop confidence and communication skills.

What's in it for you?

Work experience can help you to:

- Promote your company to future customers, their families and schools.
- Recruit young people – if a young person does well you could offer them a job for the future or part-time work.
- Get to know C&K Careers – we offer several free services to business.
- Build links with schools in your area and learn more about the education system and qualifications.
- Provide your staff with opportunities to supervise and mentor young people.
- Help prepare young people for their future in the workforce.
- Share expertise in your business with a young person.