

MAKING THE BEST OF WORK-EXPERIENCE

Introduction

This workshop will consider a range of approaches to preparing learners for the workplace and enhancing partnership opportunities with employers. The workshop will identify what the benefits of using work experience are for HEIs, for students and for employers. We will review different models of approach and explore how these may vary in relation to discipline and programme requirements. The workshop will provide some guidance on the practicalities of making the most of work experience from the initial recruitment of the students, managing relationships and ensuring safe, effective and appropriate experiences. Our activities will include reflection on how work experience can enhance student learning and graduate outcomes with a focus on meeting the needs of diverse groups of students with particular requirements and support needs. This workshop will appeal to academics and administrators reviewing their approach to work experience and planning programmes

Aims

- To identify the benefits and challenges in developing work experience opportunities in HE
- To explore how different approaches and types of work experience and work-related learning can enhance the student learning experience and graduate outcomes including links with curriculum, use of credit and assessment issues
- To consider approaches to working with employers in designing and developing work experiences including appropriateness, recruitment, ethical, financial and health and safety concerns
- To focus on approaches that support fairer access to the professions for some students, that are designed to be flexible to meet needs of part-time and mature students and that address the needs of post-graduates
- To consider monitoring and evaluation elements to measure the impact of work experience

The workshop will be delivered by Bibby Rumbelow Ltd, a consultancy and training company which specialises in work-based learning and employer engagement.

Bibby Rumbelow Masterclasses are well established and have an excellent reputation in universities throughout the UK. Full of practical tips, hints and opportunities to practise new skills and share experience, the Masterclasses are suitable for those new to employer engagement as well as the experienced practitioner who is looking to review and improve current approaches.

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