



Get Experience for University Application/CV

'Recruiters have confirmed that a third of this year's entry level positions are expected to be filled by graduates who have already worked for their organisation'. Highfliers Research 2012

Work experience and volunteering are becoming increasingly important tools in the armoury of job hunting. Universities are now stating that work experience is desirable if not essential. The graduate employment market is so competitive, young job seekers need to demonstrate their understanding and commitment to a career well before they have started working in it.

Planning your experience:

- Start to plan your work experience early in Year 12.
- Whilst at University making sure you give yourself time to do more work experience.
- Part time work, volunteering, work placements and internships will all add value to your CV.
- Talk to your Progress Leaders or your Careers Adviser for further advice.
- Prepare your CV and a covering letter.
- Visit websites below for volunteering and work experience opportunities.
- Network – who do you know?, family know?, wider family know?, friends of family know?

Useful websites:

<https://vinspired.com/> – search for volunteering opportunities

<https://do-it.org/> - another excellent volunteering website

http://www.etrust.org.uk/year_in_industry.cfm - Year in industry