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# VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

## QUICK START GUIDE



Youth Employment UK are the expert voice on youth employment, and offer free skills and careers resources for 11 - 30 year olds.

This comprehensive set of resources helps young people:

- Explore themselves and the support available wherever they are on their journey
- Develop an understanding of their skills and knowledge through a range of self reflection and evaluation tasks
- Learn about the workplace, how to find attractive jobs and be successful once they are in them
- Develop the skills to showcase their qualities, such as CV writing, writing good personal statements, and answering interview questions.





## WHAT ARE VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMMES?

Youth Employment UK's Virtual Work Experience Programmes are aimed at 11-19 year olds (KS3, KS4 and KS5). Built in partnership with employers, they aim to help young people understand what they may enjoy in the world of work, the skills employers are looking for, and explore the range of careers and pathways that are available to them.

They support young people to:

- Explore the careers and opportunities that are available across different sectors
- Get a glimpse into the world of work
- Explore careers that may interest them
- Gain experience they can include on their CV

Our virtual work experience programmes have been mapped to the Gatsby Benchmarks, which have been considered and embedded into the activities included in the digital workbooks.

## HOW DO THEY WORK?

Young people will watch short 1-3 minute video clips, which focus on a specific area relating to the workplace and employability. This may include information about different job roles and sectors, the skills required, routes into work, and CV/interview tips.

Young people will then complete learning activities in their associated digital workbook (these have been adapted depending on age and key stage). All digital workbooks contain questions, quizzes and activities, so that young people can embed the learning that has taken place.

All virtual work experience programmes also include associated teaching guides for teachers to support their students in using the resources.

One virtual work experience programme takes around an hour to complete, but can be adapted to suit your method of delivery and student's needs.



## WHAT VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE PACKAGES ARE THERE?

We currently have seven virtual work experience programmes, with our content ever-growing.

These include:

- [Explore Work Experience](#)
- [Explore Catering Work Experience](#)
- [McDonald's Virtual Work Experience](#) (built in partnership with McDonald's)
- [Surrey County Council Virtual Work Experience](#) (built in partnership with Surrey County Council)
- [Haven Virtual Work Experience](#) (built in partnership with Haven)
- [Buckinghamshire Council Virtual Work Experience](#) (built in partnership with Buckinghamshire Council)
- [Local Government Virtual Work Experience](#) (built in partnership with the Local Government Agency)



## HOW DO YOUNG PEOPLE GET STARTED?

Young people will need access to IT, as our virtual work experience programmes can be accessed via the [Virtual Work Experience](#) page of our website.

They simply need to choose the programme they would like to complete (or that you would like them to complete), download their digital workbook and can get started watching the videos!

As young people can access their workbook digitally, they are able to complete activities directly into their digital workbook. Their progress can be saved as a pdf document, and accessed and continued later. If you/ they wish to print their workbook on completion, then this is possible too.

### 1. In the classroom or group activities

The digital workbooks aim to take one hour for a young person to complete, and can be completed as a whole-class or smaller group activity.

### 2. Independent learning

Our virtual work experience programmes can be used in any setting, and a benefit of the programme is that learners have independent access to our virtual work experience content.

As they can be accessed from any setting, they can also be set as homework for a young person to complete.

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