

# The Value of Work Experience

The interviewees featured below flag up the various ways work experience can be of value, as follows:

**Discover what you enjoy:** All

**To test out a career idea:** International Administrator, Nurse

**Gaining relevant experience and skills:** All except International Administrator

**Show potential employers you understand their industry:** All

**Learn about dress codes and workplace behaviour:** All

**Get workplace contacts:** Equity Analyst, Legal Management PA, Museum Assistant



## Radio Station Manager (Graduate)

Paul wanted to be a radio presenter and volunteered to work on hospital radio in the school holidays. He still presents but now manages several local radio stations.



## Hair Stylist

Harriet did work experience for a local stylist and then worked there part-time. This helped her get a position as trainee with celebrity stylist, Nicky Clarke.



## Equity Analyst (Graduate)

Simon's interest in finance was triggered by a practical maths project at school. Work experience helped him discover which aspect of finance he enjoyed most.



## Legal Management PA

Jemma applied for work experience with a large law firm while she was doing a legal secretarial course. She has risen through the ranks and now reports directly to the Director of Finance and Marketing.



## Young Enterprise Director (Mature Student)

Karl juggles several part-time roles (some voluntary) while completing a business degree. He talks about the value of volunteering to gain experience.



## International Administrator (Graduate)

Work experience prompted Neva to rethink her plans to be a vet. Instead she organises conferences and training programmes for the Royal College of Physicians.



## Museum Assistant (Former Apprentice)

Daniel always had a passion for history and did work experience at the local museum. This led to an apprenticeship and he now has a permanent front-of-house role at the museum.



## Nurse (Graduate)

Alice recommends anyone considering a career in nursing gets first-hand experience of life on a ward before they start training. She worked part-time as a healthcare assistant.