

# USEFUL VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE INFORMATION FOR CAREERS LEADERS

During the COVID 19 lockdown period it is extremely unlikely that students will be able to participate in normal work experience programmes. This resource document showcases some options available for Careers Leaders to provide their students with the opportunity to undertake some **VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE**.

This resource aims to provide Careers Leaders with some useful information and insight into these opportunities, what their offer to educational establishments is and how they can go about booking these opportunities for their students.

The information contained within this document covers the following opportunities:

- 1) Barclays LifeSkills
- 2) Brighton and Sussex Medical School
- 3) Halliday-Fraser-Munro Architects
- 4) Scape Group
- 5) Speakers for Schools
- 6) Side Quest

## BARCLAYS LIFESKILLS

Barclays LifeSkills offers a virtual work experience opportunity in a digital transformation agency that helps companies and organisations to use digital products and gain digital skills.

They do this by creating tools, workshops, events and campaigns for their clients and by training people to get up to speed with how digital technology works. This lesson brings to life the LifeSkills interactive Virtual Work Experience tool in a classroom setting. The lesson offers two delivery options and outlines multiple pause points throughout the tool which provide opportunities for class discussion.

By the end of this activity students will be able to:

- > Understand the work that goes on at an innovative organisation by seeing an office in action and meeting the people who work there.
- > Recognise the skills needed for the world of work, such as resilience, communication, proactivity and creative thinking
- > Recognise the range of roles and opportunities on offer across an organisation

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/educators/lessons/making-the-most-of-your-virtual-work-experience/>



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# BRIGHTON AND SUSSEX MEDICAL SCHOOL



Brighton and Sussex Medical School is offering a 'virtual' work experience for those looking to apply to medical school. Students will be introduced to the NHS before exploring the roles and skill sets of six different medical specialists. They will also consider some of the challenges and wider issues doctors face.

This is a virtual work experience tool designed to provide some of the most important points students might have learnt in real-world work experience about being a doctor in the NHS. Vivaly, the course also gives the opportunity to become familiar with reflecting on their experiences in order to make them as valuable as possible.

The course uses patient case studies to explore six different medical specialities. These are common clinical situations they might have encountered in real work experience that highlight important points related to being a doctor, such as skills and qualities. It is not designed to increase their understanding of science and medical theory.

This is a virtual work experience tool and is not designed to completely replace experience completed in the real world, but to provide an insight into medicine and being a doctor where a student has had no experience so far.

This tool is also appropriate to supplement work experience already achieved or touch aspects that they may not have achieved through their existing work experience. As such, this virtual work experience tool will help them make an informed decision of whether applying to medical school is right for them.

<https://bsmsoutreach.thinkific.com/courses/VWE>

# HALLIDAY- FRASER- MUNRO - ARCHITECTS



Scottish Architects Halliday Fraser Munro are offering virtual work experience to students who would like to experience what it is like to be an architect.

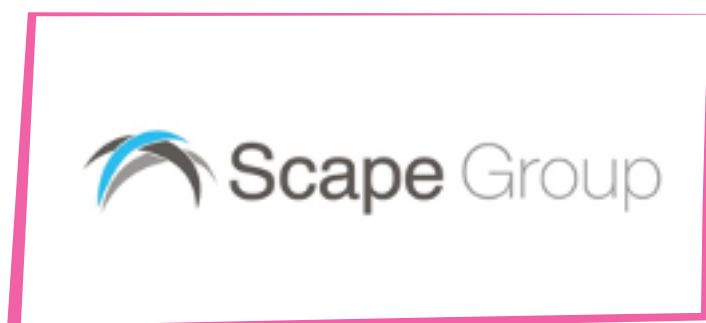
There are two tasks: one is to build the Farnsworth House which will then lead on to the Build a House for a Celebrity task. Students will need a laptop and pens, pencils and paper but all other resources are available to download freely. An excellent opportunity for budding architects which can be completed at any time.

<https://workexperience.hfm.co.uk/>

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## SCAPE GROUP

The construction industry has had to close down due to social distancing measures, but the Scape Group is offering digital work experience. They have partnered with Class of Your Own, Learn Live and EDT (Engineering Development Trust) to introduce students to the hundreds of career pathways available, the excitement of real project delivery and the satisfaction gained from helping to create something that will both serve the community and leave a lasting legacy on the landscape. Every student will secure a recognised accreditation to put onto their CV.



It is a week-long virtual work experience programme starting on May 18th, 2020 and running for 5 days.

Class of Your Own will provide the syllabus, learning resources and guidance for teachers, schools and students. The week will be based around a design challenge for teams of young people that will utilise the full breadth of the STEM subjects.

Learn Live will manage the broadcast and interactive online experience to engage the thousands of participants.

The scheme has been fully audited and will provide all participating young people who submit an entry at the end of the week with a Silver Industrial Cadets award and become part of the national Industrial Cadets accreditation network.

<https://www.scapegroup.co.uk/learning-in-lockdown>

## SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS



Speakers for Schools has joined with employers to offer virtual work experience programmes for students. The programme enables employers to solve real life business problems whilst delivering meaningful and structured work experience to students. The benefits to this are that students from all over the country have access to excellent work experience placements and inspiring remote insight days with employers and industries that they would not normally be able to reach due to their geographical location and costs of travel and accommodation.

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/vwex/>

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## SIDE QUEST

SideQuest is a new initiative for 13-19-year-olds to learn a range of key practical and workplace skills during lockdown through designing and building videogames. The scheme is set up by the youth games career service, Into Games and the national trade body, UKIE. Participants will be able to take part remotely, with free software, curriculum mapped worksheets, online tutorials and a community of fellow game builders on the social platforms Twitch and Discord.



Those that take part will have to build a game from scratch in 7 days to a theme set by a well-known UK games studio, during the week, industry professionals will stream masterclasses, tips and careers advice, offering a creative way to develop students understanding about careers in the sector, satisfying a number of Gatsby benchmarks.

If you would like your students to take part, please go to <https://sidequest.org.uk>

or email [sidequest@intogames.org](mailto:sidequest@intogames.org) for more details.