

## Management of Student Work Experience

### Newsletter Autumn 2011

Welcome to the Autumn 2011 newsletter from the Management of Student Work Experience (MSWE) programmes team, and a welcome to all of our new readers. These quarterly updates will tell you about development of the MSWE programmes as well as snippets of news from the world of work experience and placements.

Schools, colleges and universities all face the task of reconsidering how they manage work related learning. These programmes, developed in partnership with NASES, are well placed to equip staff in student work experience, placements and volunteering to play their part.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and find it useful. If there is anything else you would like to see included please let us know.

### MSWE webinar - 1st November

Gill Frigerio, MSWE Course Director will be hosting the next online live chat on Tuesday 1st November 11am – midday, for current and prospective students who have any questions about the course. We hope it will be lively and interactive and offer participants an opportunity to understand more about the MSWE programme and what steps to take next. To register for the live chat [click here](#).

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**Gill Frigerio**  
**Course Director**

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## MSWE free update day

We are also holding an **update day**, for current and potential students, on Weds 16 November at the University of Warwick. The day will cover overall MSWE developments and new critiques of employability, as well as some study skills, in particular referencing and dealing with different types of academic sources from policy documents to academic journals. Read more information and book a place online [here](#).



## 'Learning from Work Experience' Residential

Bookings are now open for the '**Learning from Work Experience**' residential on 17-19 January 2012, visit the [NASES website](#) for further information. The course covers the theoretical perspectives of how students learn from work experience and how this feeds into their career development, as well as how we support students in their learning.

## Course news

A **learning review form** has been developed to support learners in planning their own particular goals for each module and relating those to the learning outcomes. The form should be used at the beginning of the module and can also be the basis of a useful discussion with a line manager or mentor. At the end of the module, the form allows for some reflection on personal learning from the module, as well as some evaluative feedback for the course team. We ask students to submit that with assessed work, although it will not form part of the overall module mark.

## Changes to course deadlines

Following feedback from students discussed with our

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Forthcoming events organised by ASET.

**Moving on from Placements: Taking a whole curriculum approach to Employability**  
Broomgrove, Sheffield  
Thursday 10th  
November (10am - 4pm)

**The Equality Act 2010 – what placement staff need to know**  
University of Hertfordshire  
Thursday 8th December (10am - 4pm)

professional body partners at our Board of Studies, we have decided to shorten the timescales for assessment deadlines for future module registrations. This does not affect any deadlines already issued.

In order to help students maintain momentum through a module, particularly after a residential, the deadline issued will be at the end of the month which falls **5 months** after the beginning of the module.

We are also increasing the frequency with which we ask students to submit one assignment for feedback before proceeding to the second, so watch out for that.

As ever, any concerns or questions about assessed work, including deadlines can be discussed with the course director, Gill Frigerio.

Course Director Gill Frigerio regularly tweets on work experience matters, so join the debate by following her [@GillFrigerio](#)

### **Work Experience in the News**

[Unpaid work experience and the National Minimum Wage](#) - DirectGov, Oct 2011

Direct gov has published new guidance on the legal position for those undertaking unpaid work experience. However, the onus remains with the student worker to challenge the status quo and assert their rights to payment if they fulfil the legal definition of a worker.

[From work experience to 'Cooperative education'](#) - Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Sep 2011

A recent DBIS report compares UK Universities employability activities with those of HEIs in other countries. It finds that the UK leads the field when it comes to initiatives such as extra-curricular activities leading to certification and work placements in specific subject areas. However, it makes recommendations based on good practice overseas which include

### **ASET Research Student Bursaries**

NEW ASET Research Student Bursaries are available to be undertaken in Summer 2012.

TWO bursaries of £1500 each, with an additional £500 towards project expenses being paid to the host institution. The closing date for proposals is 31st January 2012.

See [www.asetonline.org](http://www.asetonline.org) for more information about events and bursaries.



**Work experience in *Phoenix*** The May 2012 issue of *Phoenix* AGCAS's termly journal will have Work Experience as its main theme. If you'd like to submit an article contact [Gemma](#) by 10 February. Advertising copy must be submitted by 10 March. Contact [Chisom](#). Over 2,100 AGCAS members receive *Phoenix* free of charge. To subscribe, contact [Sally](#).

revisiting the concept of **Co-operative Education**. a prominent concept in the US and Australia – involves integrating work experience, work placements and internships into degree programmes as core elements.

## **MSWE and CEI**

The MSWE team are working with staff in the Centre for Education and Industry at Warwick on a forthcoming symposium. The focus will be on the role of work experience in the transition from School to HE. For details [click here](#).

## **Student Jobs for the games**

There are now two Olympic jobs websites: [www.jobsforthegames.co.uk](http://www.jobsforthegames.co.uk) for jobs with London 2012 contractors;

[www.london2012.com/get-involved](http://www.london2012.com/get-involved) for jobs with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic games.

Get your students to apply early to be in with a chance of working at the Olympics next year.

## **NASES one day training events**

Training opportunities for the 2011/2012 session are as follows:

- Sales and marketing - 8 December 2011: University of Liverpool
- Advice and guidance- 26 January 2012: University of Salford
- Impact and employability - 8 February 2012: University of Warwick
- Student employment basics - 28 February 2012: London (exact venue tbc)
- Looking to set up an internal jobs agency? - 7 March 2012: Leeds University Union

**Work experience at Biennial 2011** AGCAS's Biennial Conference in September was a great success – almost 600 delegates and some great presentations and workshops. Work experience was a hot topic. If you weren't able to be there, it's still possible to access many of the PowerPoint presentations and even some podcasts via the [AGCAS website](#).

## **AGCAS on Twitter**

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## **PLACENET**

PlaceNet alive and kicking!

New life has been injected into PlaceNet with a new leadership team, and preparations for the 2012 PlaceNet conference in Liverpool (16 May – 18 May) in full swing.

PlaceNet has actively contributed to joint meetings initiated by the MSWE team at Warwick with AGCAS, ASET, the

- Social media - 19 June 2012: London (exact venue tbc)

For further information and to book please visit the [training pages](#) on the NASES website.

Please forward this newsletter to any colleagues who may be interested in receiving it by [clicking here](#). If you have any suggestions or ideas for content for future editions of the newsletter please contact me.

Kind regards



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HEA, NASES and Vitae regarding continuing the work of the National Council for Work Experience. In a time of insecurity in the higher education sector PlaceNet is refreshing its commitment to collaborate closely to protect and improve standards for professionals in work based learning and employability.

Expect to see a new website soon and meanwhile join their open LinkedIn forum on [PlaceNet - Placements in Industry](#)

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