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Management of Student Work Experience Newsletter Summer 2011

Welcome to the second 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 institutions all face the task of reconsidering how they manage work related learning. These programmes, developed in

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Gill Frigerio

Course Director

partnership with NASES, are well placed to equip staff in student work experience, placements and volunteering to play their part.

MSWE webinar – 27th July 11–12

Gill Frigerio, MSWE Course Director will be hosting a live chat on Wednesday 27th July 11am – midday, for current and prospective students who have any questions about the course. It will also be an opportunity for all participants to ask each other questions about the course and the modules. 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](#).

First MSWE residential course held at Warwick



Work Experience in the News

[The business podcast; interns and the internships](#) – *Guardian*, 1st June 2011

[Graduate Internship Programme – Internal evaluation in Northern Ireland](#) – *AGCAS*, June 2011

[NUJ wins first victory for intern](#) – *National Union for Journalists*, 16th May 2011



NASES

The first residential course to run since the transfer of the qualification from Reading in August 2010, took place in April this

year. The residential on the Learning from Work Experience module ran on 11-13 April, with students



from job shop, careers service and school based work experience backgrounds looking at the skills to help students learn from their own work experience, through both one to one engagement and wider initiatives such as curricular programmes and award schemes.

Congratulations to successful students

Following our annual exam board, 6 students have been awarded a Postgraduate Certificate; Rebecca Ryan and Lis Owen from Bangor University, Andrew Dickson from Portsmouth University, Helen Shaw from Worcester University and Kath Foot from



Cardiff University who said "*Undertaking the MSWE qualification has really helped me in my role as*

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Morethanwork Month 2011

October 2011

Planning for Morethanwork Month 2011, to be held in October, is well on its way – it's a fantastic opportunity for us to celebrate student employment and the support our website provides for working students and students looking for work. This year we have web information pages for students which include employment rights, types of work experience, how to find

Work Experience Adviser. It has provided me with the tools to do my job correctly, I now understand career theories and have the knowledge and confidence in knowing what I am doing, saying and delivering is right. It has given me more kudos within my working environment, colleagues in careers are confident in my dealings with students and academic staff know I have knowledge with regards to the learning process. It is hard work but the content is in line with my actual job so you can really see the benefit of doing it and doing it well!

In other celebrations Donna Davie, from City University has been named NASES student of the year for 2011.

MSWE at Placenet

Gill Frigerio made a presentation at the Placenet conference in Oxford on 26 May. Discussions are now underway with the new Placenet trustees to renew and reinvigorate the links between MSWE and this key group of placement professionals, to view the presentation [click here](#).

Did you spot work related

work and making the most of your job. There is a special section designed for international students which explains National Insurance numbers and a wide range of country guides for students and graduates who are returning to their own country or who want to work in their own country.

We will once again have a NASES members section where you can download information and marketing materials to be used in your service.

Please let us know what you are doing during Morethanwork month so we can update the What's happening near

learning in the HE white paper?

In amongst the press coverage of the white paper's drive to put "students at the heart of the system", a review of placement learning is proposed.

Paragraph 3.34 outlines the plans for Professor Sir Tim Wilson, former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hertfordshire, to conduct a review aimed at reversing the trend of the decline of the 'sandwich year'. This is located in a renewed focus on sponsorship and employer engagement more widely. One to watch!

Careers and placements presentation at ESRC seminar series

Gill Frigerio was recently invited to make a presentation on professional identities of career and placement staff in higher education as part of a seminar in the Re-framing service delivery, professional practices and professional identities in UK careers work. The presentation 'The new employability 'imperative' and its impact on professional identities in Higher Education Careers Work can be viewed [here](#).

NASES Annual Conference 2011

you section of the website. Keep checking the Morethanwork website as it starts to develop over the coming weeks and please let us know if there are any areas or information you would like to see developed. Click [here](#) to read more.



HEFCE Report

The HEFCE Report; Increasing opportunities for high quality higher education work experience was published today. It evaluates the impact and outcomes of the [HEFCE-funded graduate and](#)

This year's conference starts today. The venue, a modern meeting and conferencing facility, is a departure from our usual style of conference so expect something informative and useful, but also relaxing and fun. The conference programme is available on the website, but see below for some of the highlights.

The changing future of student employability- making employment count!

An exciting programme includes key note speakers, networking opportunities, workshops, a fantastic range of Job Shop Case study sessions and an exhibition area. Confirmed speakers include:

- Job seeking in the digital age – Lord Knight of Weymouth
- NUS Student Lifestyle Report – Ed Marsh, NUS
- Working with Trade Unions – Carl Roper, TUC
- Work Experience Research – Jane Artess, HECSU
- From Work Experience to experiencing Career – Gill Frigerio, University of Warwick
- International Student Regulations – Sarah Rimmington, UKCISA
- Olympic opportunities – Gareth Smith, Podium

Visit: www.nases.org.uk/conference11

[undergraduate internships](#), amongst other things. Gill Frigerio was on the research advisory group, to read more click [here](#)



NEW National Minimum Wage Rates

The national minimum wage for adults will increase 15p from October 2011 to £6.08 an hour. The 2.5% increase had been recommended by the independent Low Pay Commission (LPC). The LPC was unanimous in its recommendations "despite all the

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](#).

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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chairman, David

Norgrove. The

complete set of

changes can be seen on

direct.gov

[miniumumwage site](#).

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