

Career Academies: opportunities for involvement at a glance



Transform young people's life chances AND develop your team

More than 3,000 employee volunteers from 500 organisations around the UK contribute time and skills to the Career Academy programme. Some volunteers have a long history of working in business; others have just graduated from university. All enjoy the company of young people and genuinely want to support and guide them by sharing their knowledge and experience. For full details, please contact Career Academies UK on 020 7986 5494. We look forward to working with you.

PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS (16 - 19 YEAR OLDS)

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<i>Involvement</i>	<i>Sample activity</i>	<i>Benefits</i>
PARTNERS IN BUSINESS Mentor a student, one-to-one. Ten meetings over 18 months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet student to discuss business etiquette and life skills. Support student coursework, eg, with case studies from own business experience. Expose student to a variety of jobs and career possibilities in your business / industry, helping to raise their aspirations. Serve as a sounding board for student. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develops volunteer's own coaching, communication and interpersonal skills. Appreciate first hand the issues facing young people / entry-level employees. Talent spot for future employees.
GURU LECTURER One-off or series of presentations / classroom visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver talks or attend round table discussions in the students' classroom. Topics may include specialist areas of business or finance, professional experiences, career paths, business etiquette, CV tips, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big impact for small time commitment. Hone presentation skills and ability to interact with young people. Raise awareness of your company / industry amongst potential new recruits.
HOST FOR WORKPLACE VISITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host workplace tours, presentations, seminars, mock interviews, business simulations, etc for groups of students. Update individual teachers on current business practise. Offer venue space / refreshments for meetings and events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showcases CSR activity to workforce. Hosting on site maximises volunteer's time.
INTERNSHIP PROVIDER Host student(s) for summer <i>paid</i> work placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devise 'real' role & job description for the six-week internship, including ways to increase intern's awareness of your company / industry. Interview allocated student intern(s). Supervise intern's work assignments and provide feedback. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New supervisors develop managerial and interview skills in low risk environment. Intern enthusiasm motivates existing staff. Ready pool of temporary summer staff. Talent spot future permanent employees. Contributes to a more diverse workforce.
ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER (OR CHAIR) Approximately four meetings a year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategically steer a Career Academy in your own community. Proactively champion and raise the profile of a local Career Academy, leveraging corporate and community contacts. Help locate Partners in Business, Guru Lecturers, visits to companies, internships and other enrichment experiences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network with local business leaders. Gain & share teamwork / leadership skills. Understand and influence educational strategy and decision-making.
ALUMNI NETWORK Support for Career Academy graduates (18+ year olds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide workshops or talks on, eg, polishing CVs, interview and job search techniques, networking. Provide postings of job vacancies from your company. Host reunion events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to highly motivated and 'job ready' talent pool. Maintain contact with - and continue support for - previous interns, mentees.
LET'S TALK! Happy to explore possibilities with you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff time and facilities in-kind, especially design and print. Direct financial contribution, from corporate funds or via associated foundations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bespoke contribution to your CSR agenda. Excellent PR opportunities.