

## **Work Experience – categories of work**

**Admin / Business** – any office that is happy to offer a placement

**Building / Construction** – can be difficult because of H&S but a few local companies are happy to offer a placement each year to local students. This category includes carpentry, plastering, plumbing, electrical, architecture.

**Catering / Hospitality** – hotels, cafes, restaurants, sandwich bars, possibly pub kitchens and occasionally kitchens for larger organisations, e.g. schools, large businesses

**Computers / IT** – some smaller businesses may not have the necessary insurances but many larger organisations have their own IT department

**Design / Arts / Crafts** – especially graphic design

**Education / Training** – classroom assistant in secondary or primary school, nurseries and playgroups

**Engineering** – may be chemical, mechanical, civil etc. There are many opportunities in the aerospace and defence industries in our area but also consider maintenance engineering in local garages

**Environment / Plants / Animals** – vets, stables, kennels, farming, garden centres and nurseries, environmental organisations

**Financial Services** – banks, accountants, auditors, actuaries, insurance and assurance companies

**Healthcare** – it can be difficult to get hospital experience but other options include dentists, opticians, care homes, special schools

**Languages / Information / Culture** – museums, libraries, heritage centres

**Legal & Political** – solicitors, courts, MP offices

**Leisure / Sport / Tourism** – sports and leisure centres, sports coaching, sports clubs

**Manufacturing / Production** – factories and production companies

**Marketing / Advertising** – marketing companies or marketing departments within larger companies

**Media / Print / Publishing** – printers, publishers, newspapers (VERY LIMITED), media producers, radio stations

**Performing Arts** – theatres, drama companies, dance companies, music studios

**Personal Services** – hairdressers, beauticians

**Retail Sales / Customer Services** – a huge range of outlets covering almost every area of interest. Any experience of dealing with members of the public will be beneficial.

**Science / Maths / Statistics** – lab assistant, school, college, university science and maths departments

**Security / Armed Forces** – armed forces careers, security companies

**Social Work / Counselling** – care sector, some charities

**Transport** – air traffic control, logistics companies, warehouses

**Stroud District Council** is able to offer placements within a number of these categories including Admin, Finance, Legal & Political, Environment