

# Professional Development Placements



Could your business support a London teacher?

Short placements in the commercial world to support the professional development of London teachers and develop new skills and resources to bring to the classroom.



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As a London business you need a skilled London workforce too. And where better to begin than by supporting classroom teaching?

Professional Development Placements give London teachers the chance to spend from 1-5 days in a business environment, learning new skills which they can take back to the classroom.



*‘Very valuable experience. It’s good to see things from a different perspective’*

*David Greenshields, teacher, Islington*



## The world of work

These days teachers aim to help children prepare for the world of work as well as helping them achieve academically. By spending time in the commercial world, teachers can enhance their teaching and make it more relevant to the world of work as it is today, and as it will become tomorrow.

Some teachers use the placement to develop new teaching materials, others use it to look at management skills in a different context, or simply update themselves on the commercial world of today.

## What you gain

Offering a Professional Development Placement to a London teacher is your chance to make sure today’s students receive a broad, business-related education.

By supporting just one teacher you can reach out to maybe 400 or more children each year – as the skills and knowledge gained from the Professional Development Placements are communicated to all the children they teach.

You’ll also learn a lot too – about the world of education today, and how children are now being prepared for working life in the 21st century.

## Can my business help?

Placements can be in any industry or business, any office or management environment. Whether you are a multi-national or small business, we’ll match you with a teacher who can benefit from what you have to offer.

## How teachers benefit

**Any teacher can apply for a Professional Development Placement but they are particularly suited to:**

- vocational course co-ordinators
- work experience co-ordinators
- senior teachers
- primary teachers
- heads
- and further education lecturers.

Placements are an ideal opportunity to experience business culture at first hand, update skills and knowledge and develop an appreciation of the skills employers need today.

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