

opening doors opening minds

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DUBLIN
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INNER CITY

In partnership with
National College of Ireland

about the programme

The North East Inner City (NEIC) Initiative is a social regeneration initiative endorsed by Government involving local communities in the NEIC, businesses and statutory agencies creating opportunities to bring about lasting, positive change in the area.

Work experience has the potential to make a real difference in the lives of young people. Often, work placements can reflect and reproduce patterns of inequality with working class students getting working class placements and middle class pupils experiencing the benefits of 'professional placements'. The NEIC work experience placement programme is a conscious effort to buck this trend and is one strand in a coordinated effort to open doors, raise awareness and aspirations and ultimately to provide students in Dublin 1 schools with access to and insight into professions and career paths outside their existing network.

In 2018 — 2019 the NEIC Initiative placed almost 100 second level (4th and 5th year) students in high quality 1 — 2 week placements across businesses and civil and public service organisations in Dublin 1 and Dublin 2. Organisations included PwC, A&L Goodbody, Central Bank of Ireland, Department of the Taoiseach, Beauchamps Solicitors, Matheson, JP Morgan, State Street, AIG, Department of Education and Skills, Dublin City Council, City of Dublin Education and Training Board, Three, The Convention Centre, Croke Park, Irish Life, Kennedy Wilson, McCann Fitzgerald and Oracle.

Based on both positive feedback and impact of this programme we are extending this support to all 6 second level schools in the NEIC area for the 2019/2020 academic year. In practical terms, this means we will be seeking to secure high quality work-experience placements for 420 students. To achieve this goal NEIC have partnered with the National College of Ireland's Career Development & Employability team who are co-ordinating this effort on our behalf.

the ask

The feedback from last years' participants was overwhelmingly positive and we are asking all businesses and civil and public service organisations within Dublin 1 and Dublin 2 to consider hosting a local Dublin 1 student on a work experience placement. This initiative has proven itself to be an impactful and effective way to support the community in a highly meaningful way.

To discuss how we can work with you and support you please contact

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2018 — 2019 feedback

Students

"I thought the work experience was incredible because when I was doing the work experience I wasn't sitting in one place, I was at different departments and I got to see different stuff throughout the 2 weeks."

"I learnt so much about jobs I didn't even know existed."

"Meeting new people helped me gain a lot more confidence in myself."

"I learnt so many things that I never knew before, I tried so many different things."

"Everything was better than I expected and the people there were amazing. I've learned to work professionally with PowerPoint and Excel."

Organisations

"The students were well prepared, very engaged and responsive throughout the weeks" **Matheson**

"The students were an absolute pleasure to have around. They managed to make the office an even happier place by just being here and we are so delighted we got involved. We have a responsibility as a large corporate enterprise in this area, to work with the community and show them that it is not beyond their reach. So, by getting involved with the NEIC, it has helped us to cast our net even further" **Beauchamps**

placements and timelines 2019.2020

Larkin Community College	1 day a week	October/November 2019 – June 2020
Mount Carmel Secondary School	2 weeks	11 th – 22 nd November 2019
Marino College Secondary Level	2 weeks	11 th – 22 nd November 2019
Marino College Secondary Level	1 weeks	11 th – 15 th November 2019
Rosmini Community School	1 week	25 th – 29 th November 2019
St Joseph's C.B.S.	1 week	16 th – 20 th December 2019
St Joseph's C.B.S.	2 weeks	3rd – 14 th February 2020
Larkin Community College	2 weeks	3rd – 14 th February 2020
Rosmini Community College	1 week	10 th – 14 th February 2020
O'Connell Secondary School	2 weeks	2 nd – 13 th March 2020
Mount Carmel Secondary School	2 weeks	2 nd – 13 th March 2020
Marino College Secondary Level	2 weeks	23 rd March 2020 – 3 rd April 2020
Marino College Secondary Level	1 week	23 rd March – 27 th March 2020

faqs

Can I host more than one placement student?

Yes, absolutely! Organisations involved in the 2018/2019 programme, hosted 3—10 placement students across different departments

How will I plan the work experience placement?

John Ruigrok assist you in planning a work experience placement. We have sample templates available to assist you in timetabling and scheduling activities and work for the 1—2 week placement.

What support will be available?

John Ruigrok will be available throughout the process and also during the placement should you have any questions.

Do I need insurance to host a student on placement?

Students are covered by their School Insurers.

Is there more information available?

Yes, there is a "Guide to Hosting a Work Experience Placement" brochure. Please email john.ruigrok@ncirl.ie for a copy.