

## Who Are Our Students?

There was a time when the answer to that question would have been simple - students in their last year of school go out on work experience to help prepare them for life in the workplace.

Most of our students still come into that category, but over recent years our service has widened out so that we now provide work experience for a number of purposes. Here is a brief summary of some of them:

### **Extended Work Experience:**

This is for students who are having problems with schoolwork but may respond well in a working environment. They combine a day or two on work placement with school on the other days for an extended period - usually 12 weeks or more, as agreed with the employer.

**Gingerbread:** We have recently begun working with this

**Gingerbread**  
Single parents, equal families



**A wide range of people  
now go out on work experience**

organisation for lone parents. They run a training programme to help parents prepare to return to work and work experience is part of their programme.

**The Prince's Trust** run a 12 week course for 16-25 year olds called "Team". It includes two weeks work experience which we organise for local students on the programme.



## Excellent News!

Enfield EBP was very pleased to receive the Award for Education Business Excellence in June.

**“Enfield EBP is a strong organisation, well led and with an effective team”**

The Institute for Education Business Excellence was the awarding body and as part of the inspection they interviewed teachers, students, employers and staff.

They concluded that “Enfield EBP is a strong organisation, well led and with an effective team”.

We realise that none of our activities would happen without the help of you our employers. So may we take this opportunity to thank you for your part in our success. Likewise if you have a successful work experience programme that you would like to share with other employers please let us know.

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**ESOL Students:** college students whose first language isn't English sometimes study to improve their English along with other subjects such as Office Skills and IT. We organise the work experience element of their programme.

**Special Needs:** local special needs schools encourage their students to 'spread their wings' and benefit from work experience. This is always by arrangement with employers who have expressed an interest in helping in this area.

**Swan Centre:** Students at this centre have disengaged from education completely. We arrange work experience for them with employers who are interested in helping to get them to get back on track.

## Would you Like to help?

If you are interested in helping students who have a greater need for help and support ie students with special needs, students disengaged from education, or whose first language isn't English please contact Mark on 020 8443 4252 [mark@enfield-workex.org.uk](mailto:mark@enfield-workex.org.uk)



# Weebly While you Work!

Weebly.com is a website where you can create and host your own website. It is free to register, all the tools are there online and it is very simple to use.

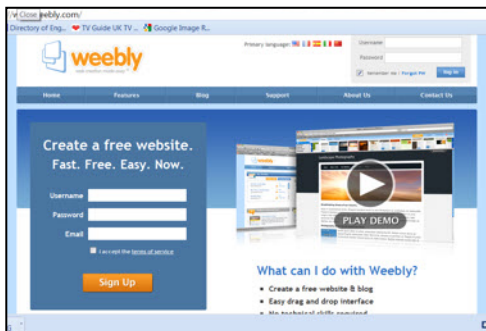
The reason we are mentioning it here is that:

A) it might be something you want to use for your business

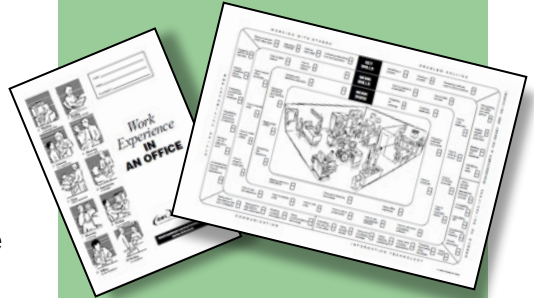
B) it could be a task for a work experience student while they are on placement with you. If they have access to a computer at your workplace they could make a site about your business or about their work experience.

C) If you aren't good on computers but your student is, ask them to show you how to use it!

[www.weebly.com](http://www.weebly.com)



## Ideas for Student Tasks



Would you like some ideas for things that students can do on work experience?

We have guides for many business sectors that suggest tasks for students and also show which employability skills the tasks are helping students to develop.

We also have some outlines for projects that students can do whilst on their placement.

If you are interested please let us know whether you want a task guide, project guide or both and the type of business you run ie office, retail, child care, garage etc.

Contact us on  
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# Jardins - Serving the Community

Jardins is a newsagent in Winchmore Hill providing a wide range of services. They have one of the biggest magazine displays in North London, and provide other services such as money transfers and grocery provisions.

However their service to the community doesn't stop there. For the last ten years they have been providing valuable work experience opportunities to young students from Enfield.

Under the supervision of Mahendra Jadeja and Christine Hicks, students learn how to process bus passes, work the photo lab, help with money transfers, fax and photocopy important documents and replenish and rotate stock. In a number of cases students have gone on to work part time with the company.

Mr Jadeja, the proprietor, explained the personal satisfaction he gets from helping young people:



## Jardins in Green Lanes N21

"I noticed how my own children's confidence had improved by working in the shop. It also improved their interaction with adults and developed their social skills. I really wanted to give other young people the opportunity to share this valuable experience and to develop customer care skills.

It is really satisfying to share some of my retail skills and knowledge with Enfield students, knowing that in some way this may give them the vital work experience necessary to get that all-important first job."

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