

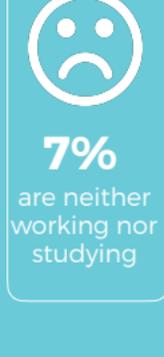
# YOUNG LONDONERS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

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We surveyed...

**571** young people aged 16-24



## Work experience at school...



**30%** of young Londoners we surveyed have not completed a work experience placement whilst at secondary school.

## Who you know...

**63%**

of young Londoners we surveyed say: "it's not what you know it's who you know" when it comes to finding work experience.



## Future aspirations...

We asked young Londoners which industries they would like to complete a work experience placement...



**85%**

of young Londoners wish employers offered more opportunities for work experience.

## Vicious circle...

**8 in 10**

say that the job market is difficult to break into without relevant work experience.

**67%**

feel that a lack of work experience is the main barrier to finding work experience.

## The employer engagement effect...



**74%**

said that confidence in their own abilities had improved as a result of work experience.

**83%**

said that engagement with an employer had significantly improved their knowledge of a working environment.



**62%**

said this engagement had changed their attitudes to people from different backgrounds in a positive way.

## Get involved...

Talent Match London works with employers at each stage of a young person's journey to work, helping them to **explore** and **experience** the world of work before starting sustainable **employment**.

### Explore

Explore opportunities offer young people the chance to expose themselves to different careers. Through one day taster sessions young people get a chance to test out a career or industry they hadn't previously considered.



### Experience

Experience opportunities are typically two to six week work experience placements to delve into a particular career path whilst developing skills. These could be paid or unpaid depending on the employer and length of placement.



### Employment

Employments opportunities could be apprenticeships or entry level roles that a young people can sustain for at least six months, with support from their Talent Match London coaches. Opportunities should pay at least the Living Wage Foundation's London Living Wage, currently £9.75.



### ABOUT THIS INFOGRAPHIC

Research conducted by OMD UK on behalf of London Youth during July 2016.

The term 'disadvantaged young people' in this report refers to a young unemployed person supported by London Youth and their delivery partners through Talent Match London.

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