

Student placement project action report

Following the July 09 student placement seminar the South East region management board agreed a number of actions which the seminar has put forward a solutions to the problem of there being few student placements in the South east region.

The actions can be found below along with a brief note to indicate the steps so far taken by project leader Nigel Haverson and the SE executive officer.

Recommended action	Steps so far	Next step
Engage with GOSE on the issue	Following progress of other key project on joint working with regional bodies.	Awaiting identification of key contact then will arrange meeting.
Investigate apprenticeships (with support from SE employers)	22/10/09 Research undertaken on relevance of apprenticeships to Public sector bodies.	Article in newsletter and also possible speaker at future SE region forum to speak on the issue.
Create a regional training directory similar to the Wales project & Work with independent/industry EHPs to create a number of short term placements (as part of directory)	19/10/09 Contact made with Director of CIEH Wales to get the basic documentation to set up a web directory.	Planned issue of region newsletter to focus entirely on the new directory and how members can help to populate it. Possible further promotion event.
Work on supporting collaborations between councils and other regional government bodies including exploring SE authorities joining the London collaboration.	16/10/09 Have met with London Region policy officer and London student support officer and agreed to scope out SE authority's willingness to join the well established London student collaboration project.	To draft a briefing for all SE chiefs groups setting out the London scheme and why it would be beneficial to join. And also to arrange an initial meeting with those who may be interested to discuss the scheme.
Promote the profession (and placements) by designing a page on the SE employers website.	19/10/09 Contact made with Jennifer McNeal and arrangement made to discuss a webpage on the LG employers site.	
Consider PATH training route (similar to London)	Meeting with London policy officer has shown that this is expensive and so not worth pursuing.	Completed
Instigate better communications between	Place on Middlesex Uni EH board has been offered and filled by Dave Bowen of	To keep a watching brief on other EH courses in the pipeline for the SE region.

regional chief EHPs and universities to ensure students produced suit vacancies.	Worthing, CEHO, ELP mentor and assessor.	
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