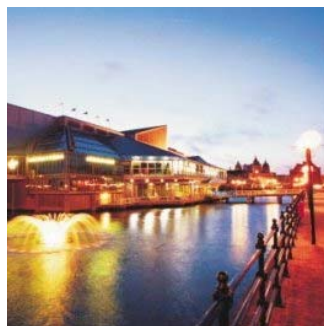


Business & education: top 10 way to get involved

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- 1 **Inviting teachers** to spend time in the company to allow them to research how they can deliver the curriculum based on current working practices. This usually involves a teacher spending between 1 and 5 days talking to staff and observing working practices often spending the time with a variety of employees.
- 2 **Hosting a visit** by a group of pupils to allow them to see at first hand the relevance of a particular aspect of their classroom learning. This will usually be a half day visit at the most.
- 3 Allowing employees to take part in work related activities by **visiting a class** and supporting an activity which they may well have worked on with a teacher whilst the teacher was on placement in their company.
- 4 **Hosting work experience placements** for young people lasting between 1 and 2 weeks.
- 5 **Providing case studies** of workplace practice and /or business materials to help a teacher bring a subject to life for the pupils
- 6 **Sharing training opportunities** and management expertise by offering places to senior school managers on company training programmes.
- 7 **Becoming a business adviser** to Young Enterprise who deliver a range of programmes in schools. This involves a commitment of between a day a year up to 1 hour per week between September and Easter for the company programme.
- 8 **Becoming a mentor** for a young person who is not achieving their potential at school. This can be either face to face meetings once per fortnight during term time for a full academic year or by e-mentoring a young person on an ad hoc time commitment. This allows an opportunity for a young person to talk to a 'neutral' adult and overcome difficulties and re-engage in learning. Training is provided for this role.
- 9 **Become a school Governor** and help a school drive up standards by providing fresh ideas and effective management expertise and help plan future direction for the school. It is difficult to quantify the time commitment but most Governing Bodies meet at least once per school term.
- 10 **Wider ways** such as closer involvement with specialist schools, helping pupils with work based learning courses or taking part in an 'extended school' e.g. helping the school management decisions through professional service collaboration.

I am interested in finding out more about one of the ideas above and would like to receive more information about it. Please tick which area (s) you are interested in.

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