



WHAT YOU CAN DO THIS YEAR TO GET YOUR CAREER OFF TO A FLYING START

NEAL SNOOKE (NNS) - IY COORDINATOR

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PLAN

- Do I have to / should I do an IY?
- Why do an IY?
- What you need to do (now)
- How we help you and your responsibilities
- Student status (IY vs. YES)
- Questions?

DO I HAVE TO DO AN IY?

Those registered on a scheme with an IY must take an IY to remain on their scheme.

- However most schemes (e.g. GH7P, G501, G451, G401, GG47, 7G74, 132B, H603) have a non-IY equivalent.
- If you're registered for a scheme *without* an IY, but decide to take one, you can change too (subject to visa restrictions).

But some BEng/Meng must take an IY, and joint honours with do not include an IY.

WHY DO AN IY?

- You'll be much more employable when you graduate.
- Money!
 - £20K+ typical salary
 - I've seen over £30K
 - Beware of unpaid internships...
- Find out what you would *actually* like to do as a graduate.
- May get a job with your IY employer.

MORE REASONS

Students who do an IY tend to get a better degree than they otherwise would have done:

- Increased motivation
- New perspective on your studies

Change from study

- Makes final year easier?

Great experience

- Maybe abroad?

STUDENT QUOTES FROM THE NSS:

"Industrial year gave me a lot more experience and confidence within the subject."

"Industrial year was an incredible opportunity and I loved every second of it."

"... much of the first and second year is usefully spent educating you with useful skills, knowledge and critical thinking on areas relevant to industrial/sandwich placements"

"Great experience through industrial year."

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Come to the 2nd year **employability weekend event** and take on board what you learn!

Start Applying for Jobs!

- From *now* on – some IY deadlines as early as Oct!
- The big companies have a long recruitment process

Be persistent – average 82 applicants per job (according to <https://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/placements>)

2ND YEAR EMPLOYABILITY WEEKEND EVENT 2022

Will take place in the Medrus Conference Suite:

Friday 28th Oct 6pm – 9pm

Sat 29th Oct 8.45 – 5pm

There will be a wide variety of activities to help you prepare for your IY.

All students on an IY scheme must attend.

Others are welcome.

2ND YEAR EWE

Real employers will be there to

- Give you mock interviews
- Give you feedback on your CVs
- Possibly to talent-spot

Aber Careers and many others will also be there with many tips and hints on getting the job you want

Employers will tell you what they expect

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO **NOW**

Write a great CV (use CS18010 CV as a starting point)

- Remember the advice you got last year
- Two pages that need to make the employer feel as though they know you.
- A good CV requires a LOT of effort and thought. Distinctive. Crafted content and presentation. Interview prompts.
- Make use of our careers link advisor – Morwenna Jefferies
mrj11@aber.ac.uk

Submit your CV and covering letter to the
DEPT-N-UG-O-> Industrial Year module by **Friday 14th Oct.**

FINDING JOBS (BRIEFLY BEFORE THE EWE)

Watch email (**cs-iy-interest** list)

- We will email information throughout the year when opportunities appear. Read email regularly!

Follow

- <http://yourfuture.dcs.aber.ac.uk>

Make use of the careers service

- <http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/careers/>
- If you are not having success, they are experts who can help you.

Online: e.g. Gradcracker, Target Jobs, indeed, Student Ladder, trovit, prospects.ac.uk, etc, etc.

FINDING JOBS

- Remember to consider
 - Covering letters
 - CV emphasis
 - *Carefully* fill in application forms if required
 - Be especially careful with online forms
- Most employers will pay (reasonable) travel expenses
 - Ask them if you are concerned – keep all receipts
 - Make sure to catch up if you have to miss a lecture...
- Interviews and assessments vary greatly – be prepared
 - Find out about the company (history, business, size...)

IY ABROAD?

No problem!

- Potentially you'll need to get a visa for EU countries, as was always the case for non EU countries.
- There should be plenty of time to do this (if necessary) so don't let it put you off applying for an IY abroad.
- Contact the **Global Opportunities team** if you are going abroad. <https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/study-with-us/global-opportunities>

WE WILL HELP YOU ...

BUT IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

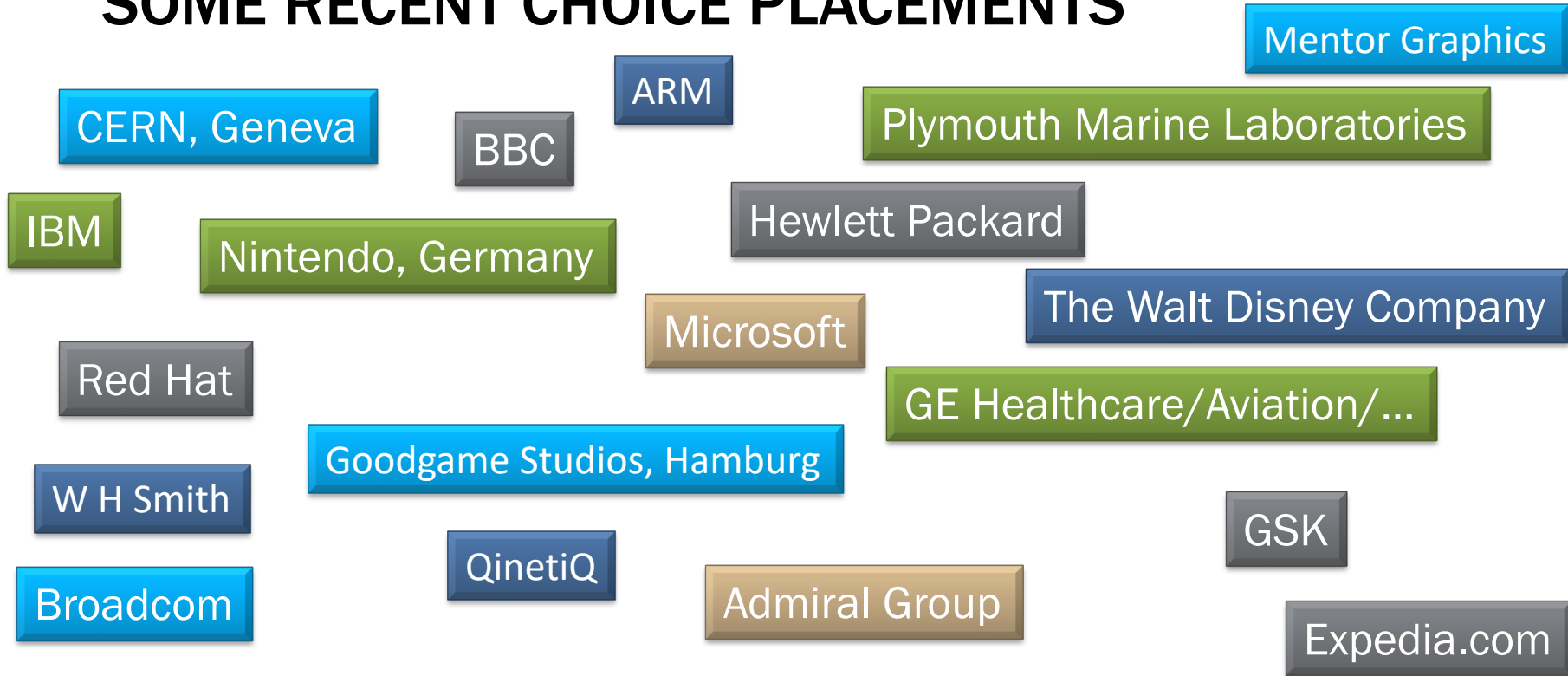
Carys Pike and colleagues (`cs-iy-admin@aber.ac.uk`)
take care of the administration

- Helps with the **process** as you make applications.
- Maintains YourFuture, circulates opportunities by email
- Processes *Placement Confirmation Forms* etc.

You research opportunities and make applications 😊

- No applications means no job!!
- Some of the best jobs are earlier in the year, so don't leave it. Doing nothing until April is a very risky strategy!

SOME RECENT CHOICE PLACEMENTS



Plus numerous excellent small employers

Ceredigion County Council

Gloversure, Welshpool

Information Services

National Library of Wales

Cisco Systems	Reading, RG2 6GE
Science & Technology Facilities (UKRI), Rutherford Appleton Laboratory	Didcot, OX11 0Qx
Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust	Oxford, OX4 4XN
Microchip Touch Solutions Ltd	Wokingham, RG41 5TP
Office for National Statistics	Newport, NP10 8XG
Meggitt Plc	Fareham, Hampshire, PO15 5TT
Net World Sports	Wrexham, LL13 9UT
Rare Ltd	Twycross, Warwickshire, CV9 3QN
Welsh Government,	Cardiff, CF10 3NQ
Aber Instruments	Aberystwyth, SY23 3AH
Aberystwyth University	Aberystwyth
LexisNexis Risk Solutions	Cardiff, CF11 0SN
DCA Design International	Warwick, CV34 4AB
Portaltech Reply Ltd	London, SW1E 5LB
Valtech UK	London, N1 8AF
Accenture	London, EC3 3BD
Computacentre	Hatfield, AL10 9TW
Sopra Bankinga	
Poznan Supercomputing & Networking Center	Poznan, Poland
Marches/PixelHaze (split year)	
Artworking Ltd	Bristol BS1 4AA
SITA Information Networking Computing Ireland Ltd	Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, Ireland
Elicit DOO	Beograd - Stari Grad
Net World Sports	Wrexham, LL13 9UT
Rosemount Aerospace Ltd	Malvern, WR14 3SZ
BAE Systems, Naval Ships, Combat System	New Malden, KT3 4LH
F-Secure	Bristol
CGI IT UK Ltd	Bristol
IS. Aberystwyth University	Aberystwyth

TECHNICAL DETAILS: **STUDENT STATUS**

If you're on a scheme with an IY, you will officially be a student for the year

- We will visit / meet UK based students (likely twice).
- You will have access to university facilities (Email, student records, etc.)
- You will pay tuition fees at a lower rate (£1800 this year) ...but you **don't** have to pay council tax.
- You are assessed by a report you write, and by your employer
 - Pass/fail you must pass to stay on the IY scheme.

NON-STUDENT STATUS ('YES' YEAR)

For those doing a minor or joint in another subject, you can take a YES year, and we will still help

- But you can't expect the same level of support
- You won't have access to Aber systems/email etc
- You *will* have to pay council tax
- But you won't owe us anything for the year
- The Careers service runs the Year in Employment Scheme (YES).

WILL I FIND A JOB?

Yes, if you put in the effort. Unless:

- your first year, and later on, 2nd year marks are poor;
- you have a messy, unconvincing or dull CV;
- for some reason, you just never learn good interview technique;
- you don't bother applying (and that means keeping at it!).

Persistence pays off – but come and talk to us if you keep on getting rejected at the same point in the process...

RECRUITMENT FRAUD

Genuine recruitment companies will **never**

- charge you for 'security checks'
- charge you for registering, etc.

Most IY jobs are advertised directly by the company (they don't need to pay a third party to find good people at that level.

Occasionally (big) companies may subcontract all their recruitment. They pay the recruitment company NOT you!

WHAT TO DO NEXT

Tell cs-iy-admin@aber.ac.uk if you want to be included in the IY mail lists.

If you want to discuss, talk to me (nns) or Carys (cs-iy-admin)

The IY web pages have information and links you will need at some point this year or next

- http://www.aber.ac.uk/~dcswww/Dept/Teaching/Industrial_Placement/
- Come to the Employability Weekend Event
- Make applications
- Pass the second year !

KEEP US INFORMED

When you make an application **email cs-iy-admin**

When you accept an offer fill in a PCF form:

https://www.aber.ac.uk/~dcswww/Dept/Teaching/Industrial_Placement/IY/IYHomePage.html

Think carefully. Once you accept an offer it is bad for everyone if you change your mind.

Most employers will understand if you need more time to decide...

QUESTIONS?

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More information

at: http://www.aber.ac.uk/~dcswww/Dept/Teaching/Industrial_Placement/

Any questions right now?