

Tips for the teaching staff

The support teachers provide students after their work-based learning experience is important. Connecting the students' WBL experience to their future helps them move towards a lifelong learning attitude.

The following activities provide students with opportunities to exploit their experience, making it significant to their personal career development and goals.

Activity 1 - Linking WBL experience and curriculum

Divide students into two groups. Ask one group to brainstorm and list all the skills they observed were most useful during their WBL learning experience; ask the other group to brainstorm and list all the skills they use at school. Gather the groups together and compare lists. Finally discuss how students can develop workplace skills outside of school.

Activity 2 - Seeing is Believing

Ask students to reflect on their observations during their WBL experience and compare these with their high school experiences and/or expectations. Discuss selected topics (for example, How does workplace communication differ from that at the high school? How does the workplace dresscode differ from the school's?) and make students reflect on the importance of their preparation for the transition between school and work.

Activity 3 - Oral Presentation

Ask students to prepare an oral presentation of their experience for their class. Presentations can include pictures of what they did during the WBL and of the workplace.

Activity 4 - Personal Action Plan

Ask students to draft an action plan for their own career by identifying what their next steps can be in developing new skills, in selecting a formal educational path and in understanding how workplace activities can help them in achieving their goals concerning career and personal changes.