

FAQs for Schools

1. Is there a cost involved?

No, this is entirely free for all students who register for the programme, and for their schools. Scape Group, working with our partners in industry, are supporting the scheme.

2. Is there a maximum number of students that can get involved?

At present, there is no limit on the number of students that can register and get involved.

We have received an unexpectedly high number of initial registrations for the work experience programme and this is fantastic for all concerned. It is important that schools and students are aware that the programme is focused on a digital built environment project where skills in sustainability and the environment, architecture, engineering and construction and digital design will be developed.

Providing a first-class experience to these children is our number one priority. It is therefore the responsibility of the school to ensure that the number of students registered has been selected appropriately. We also need to be assured that all students will have school support throughout the week. Please see our School Guidance document for further information.

Knowing the vast range of work experiences that would normally be offered to young people cover lots of different industry sectors, we would expect that a maximum of 20% of a school year group might access an experience with a construction related employer. For example, on a per school basis, we suggest a cap of **20 students in a year group of 100 students, 40 students in a school year group of 200** etc, be applied. Multi-Academy Trusts are politely requested to take the same approach.

3. Is this programme suitable for SEND students?

The programme is suitable for all Y10 and S4 students (Y11 in Northern Ireland) and SEND departments should support accordingly.

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4. Do schools register students individually?

No, schools should register their interest as an organisation in the first instance, giving an indication of how many students may take part and confirm exact numbers closer to the time. Please see our School Guidance Document for more information.

5. Can students who are onsite in classrooms (e.g. children of key workers) still get involved?

Absolutely! If you have students who are still in school, such as children of key workers, they can join in from the classroom. They will need to join online, just like those at home.

6. What is the requirement for teacher support during the programme?

A school representative is required to support students throughout the week. Please see our School Guidance document for further details.

7. When will I receive further information about the syllabus?

Information packs are now available. These will be sent via email to schools after they have registered for the programme.

8. What will students produce during the week?

Each student must produce their own portfolio of work, but they are encouraged to collaborate with team members to exchange ideas, divide up research tasks, discuss what questions they need answering from industry professionals, etc. When the work experience is over, teams might wish to continue working together in their own time beyond the week, pulling together their best ideas and submitting an overall project to a national competition by the closing date of 31st August. Plenty of time to reinforce the friendships they'll make and keep them inspired during lockdown!

Students will be introduced to Industrial Cadets at the beginning of the week, the work and outcomes produced during the week will contribute to achieving their Industrial Cadets Silver award. We encourage schools/teachers to support their students to ensure all tasks have been completed, to a high standard as set out in the student brief.

9. What safeguarding and GDPR measures are being taken to protect children and their data?

Please see our website for further information - <https://learnliveuk.com/safeguarding-policy/>

10. Students aged 14-15 are minors, do I need to obtain parental consent before registering them?

No, as they are not appearing on camera or audio. We would expect that schools have obtained parental consent for work experiences under normal circumstances by now and that a designated school representative will support students throughout the week.

11. How will teams of students be allocated?

Please see our School Guidance document – schools are expected to coordinate their students into teams.

12. I only have one student who is interested. Can he/she/they still take part?

Please see our School Guidance document – individual students are very welcome to take part but should have a designated school mentor. This is very important as schools are expected to support their students throughout the week.

13. How will the interactive online broadcasting element work?

Throughout the week, our online broadcast partner, Learn Live, will be hosting a range of speakers introducing the tasks to be undertaken and providing hints, tips and the opportunity for interactive engagement from real industry experts and specialists.

To access this safe, moderated, informative, and accessible broadcast, a designated school representative will need to register their participation, together with the expected number of children taking part. The school representative will receive an email confirming successful registration, giving you and your students 24/7 access to the LIVE CHAT facility. As a school representative, you should share this link with participating students, which will be valid throughout the week.

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The chat facility has been built with students in mind, and is a tool that doesn't need to be parent or teacher-led as it is completely moderated - so you don't need to worry if your young person leaves a silly comment, as it will only show on their screen and no one else's.

The chat facility is also GDPR protected, so no information is shared with anyone else. We protect all email address and will never post your students' email address or phone numbers.

To use the chat facility, your students just type their comments or questions into the chat box and enter their screen name. Their screen name will show when they type your question or comment.

The chat function offers the facility for a direct response from the people behind the broadcast. To make this possible, when a student asks a question, the chat facility will request an email address. Students can enter their email address, which will not be shared with anyone, to get a direct response. If you do not want a direct response, then click that button at the bottom. People behind the broadcast can still respond to you if you don't provide your email address, this just means you may have to come back to the page to check the response.

We understand how competitive children are, and they may not want to share the answer to that burning question of "we've thought of this great idea...could we include our [great idea] in our design?" In that case, they should opt for a direct response - that way their 'great idea' stays within the team! Again, the identity of students is not known to the industry professional giving advice.

14. Will the week have a set structure, and include adequate breaks?

Absolutely. You can find details of the timetables for each day in the syllabus timetable (to be issued once a school has registered for the programme), all of which include a full hour's lunch break, where we encourage students to step away from their devices, stretch their legs and get some fresh air.

In summary, each day begins at 9:30am with time for a team catch up, ends at 4:30 with time for a team review and a lunch break from 12:30 – 1:30pm.

15. Will students' live Q&As be moderated?

Yes. We have a team on hand who fully-moderate all questions asked in the live broadcasts, before they are approved for speakers to respond to.

16. How will students receive their accreditations?

Full details of how students completing the work experience will receive their accreditations are included in the information pack which will be sent via email on registration. In order to meet the requirements of the Industrial Cadets Silver Level award and accreditation, we encourage schools/teachers to support their students to ensure all tasks have been completed, to a high standard as set out in the student brief. We ask school coordinators to review work and submit a group application for all participants completing the tasks at the end of the week.

On successful completion, students will receive their Industrial Cadets Silver Award.

17. This would be useful to students of other age groups, will there be similar programmes for other year groups in future?

If your students are in a different age group, there's lots of other activities your school can engage them in during lockdown. Our project partners will be happy to direct you to alternative activities to explore and we will also be publishing a downloadable list of activities on the project website soon. Contact support@classofyourown.com or industrialcadets@etrust.org.uk for further details.

Following the completion of this programme, we may offer further work experience weeks aimed at the same or alternative year groups. These will be communicated to registered schools and via our website.

18. Is it possible to view the work experience resources before registering my school?

All registered schools will be provided with comprehensive resources and access to the Learn Live platform, enabling students to create their own projects. However, a summary timetable will be sent directly to schools on registration.

19. Can students join this programme without access to the internet?

Students will need to access the Learn Live website to listen to important design-centric information and gather lots of hints and tips. We want to be inclusive, and recognise that, for some young people, this will be a challenge. Hence, we encourage teamwork – perhaps a team member who has access can volunteer as ‘Chief note-taker’ with a responsibility to convey information by telephone to the entire team or to particular student(s). A member of your school staff might help here too.

As part of the challenge, each team member must produce a digital model of their building design. Again, this might be a problem as students might need to access the internet to access software or a tool such as Minecraft or Sims. In this case, we would ask each affected student to produce clear hand drawn floor plans and elevations of their buildings and a model to go with it. Time to dig out those yoghurt pots and cornflake packets!

20. What contact would be made between the students and their industry mentors? How would this work in practice?

We are using the Learn Live platform to ensure that students can communicate their ideas and queries with a fantastic range of professional experts in a safe space. This is all the students need to take part in the activities. All students joining and completing the challenge will gain sufficient time in contact with industry to make this a rewarding and accreditable experience.

However, we know that a number of schools already have a great relationship with local employers, including Scape’s construction industry contractors and industrial partners who have joined us as supporters of this scheme and have developed their own ‘safe way’ to communicate. If a school wishes to access this industrial help outside Learn Live, which we know will enrich the scheme further for participants, they can, but this is at their own risk.

21. If I am registering an entire year group / class, do I need to give exact numbers of students or will an estimate suffice for registration?

Your initial registration holds your school’s place in the work experience week for all students that are taking part. It is the responsibility of the school coordinator to ensure all participating students understand how the scheme works, the subject matter and its

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relevance to their interests, how to access Learn Live once the school has registered and any other local arrangements the school may have arranged.

Please see the information pack which will be issued on registration for more information on registration and accreditation of participating students.

22. Can a child take part individually, even if their school is not?

Sadly not – a school must be responsible for the students it wishes to take part. This work experience opportunity is offered as a school activity. However, if a school does not want to be involved, young people need not miss out.

Please get in touch with your school if you are interested in taking part in the first instance. If your school coordinator has any questions, please ask them to visit the project website and we will provide guidance and advice.

There are lots of other activities they can be directed to. See question 17. for further information.