Work experience in music

If you want a career in music, gaining relevant work experience can enhance your prospects. Work experience is a great way to find out about different roles and to build up a network of useful contacts. For some roles in the music industry, having relevant work experience is usually a requirement. Volunteering is a good way to get work experience in music, but some formal placements also exist in large record companies (usually aimed at graduates) and at arts venues.

You can also gain experience through performing music, getting involved in bands and orchestras.

Areas include:

- Recording Industry
- Teaching
- Performance
- Arts Venues

For more information about the kind of roles you could do, use www.creative-choices.co.uk, aimed at people wanting to develop a career in this area. It is a great source of sector news, jobs information and provides useful links.

In university:

- **Enterprise**: take opportunities to develop your enterprise skills at university by taking courses, attending workshops and entering competitions: [www.york.ac.uk/careers/enterprise](http://www.york.ac.uk/careers/enterprise)
- **Start a business**: funding, competitions and advice are available: [www.york.ac.uk/careers/enterprise](http://www.york.ac.uk/careers/enterprise) and get in touch to discuss your idea, email enterprise@york.ac.uk
- **Music in Education Group (MEG)**: running music workshops in primary and secondary schools, visiting the children’s ward in York Hospital and being involved in a dementia project [www.yusu.org/activities/view/Music-Education-Group](http://www.yusu.org/activities/view/Music-Education-Group)
- **York Students in Schools (YSIS)** offer volunteering opportunities in local schools. [www.york.ac.uk/careers/ysis](http://www.york.ac.uk/careers/ysis)
- **Our Student Internship Bureau (SIB)** paid local internships, during term time or in the vacations, in a variety of sectors. Keep an eye out for opportunities either directly focused on Arts or others (such as events organisation roles) which may give you relevant transferable skills: [www.york.ac.uk/careers/sib](http://www.york.ac.uk/careers/sib)
- Careers and Placements advertises **volunteer roles** each term (Week 3 to Week 5), involving working with external organisations, [www.york.ac.uk/careers/volunteering](http://www.york.ac.uk/careers/volunteering). Alternatively, if you have an idea that will be of benefit to the community, you can apply for funding to run your project: [https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering/careers/skills/volunteer/volunteeroportunities/community-fund/](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering/careers/skills/volunteer/volunteeroportunities/community-fund/)

Research music related careers:

- Ideas for different roles within the music industry and tips for breaking into the sector - [www.gothinkbig.co.uk/features/so-you-want-to-get-into-the-music-industry-you-might-not-have-considered-the-following/](http://www.gothinkbig.co.uk/features/so-you-want-to-get-into-the-music-industry-you-might-not-have-considered-the-following/)
- Alternative jobs within the music industry - [http://icould.com/explore/search/music](http://icould.com/explore/search/music)
Opportunities for music related work experience in York:
- Music Department list of relevant societies etc. - [www.york.ac.uk/music/undergraduate/student-life/](http://www.york.ac.uk/music/undergraduate/student-life/)
- York Theatre Royal - [www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk/](http://www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk/)
- York Barbican - [www.yorkbarbican.co.uk](http://www.yorkbarbican.co.uk)
- National Centre for Early Music - [www.ncem.co.uk/?idno=1027](http://www.ncem.co.uk/?idno=1027)
- Friargate Theatre - [http://ridinglights.org/get-involved/](http://ridinglights.org/get-involved/)
- Pilot Theatre – [pilot-theatre.net](http://pilot-theatre.net)
- Melrose Yard Studios - [www.melroseyardstudios.co.uk/](http://www.melroseyardstudios.co.uk/)
- Precentor Studios - [www.precentor.co.uk](http://www.precentor.co.uk)
- The White Rooms - [https://www.whiterooms.rocks/](http://https://www.whiterooms.rocks/)

Music related opportunities beyond York (work placements, jobs and bursaries):
- Universal Music (record label) - [http://jobs.jobvite.com/universalmusicgroup](http://jobs.jobvite.com/universalmusicgroup)
- Music education jobs - [http://musicmark.org.uk/jobs](http://musicmark.org.uk/jobs)
- Classical music - [www.musicalchairs.info/](http://www.musicalchairs.info/)

Other types of work experience and updating your CV:
- Visit Careers and Placements website for information on work experience and internships - [www.york.ac.uk/careers/internships](http://www.york.ac.uk/careers/internships)
- CV and application form writing - [www.york.ac.uk/careers/applications](http://www.york.ac.uk/careers/applications)

Books and journals in Careers and Placements:
- British & International Music Yearbook
- British Performing Arts Yearbook
- 100 Careers in the Music Business
- Careers in Music 2014
- Musicians’ Handbook 2014

Please note: The websites listed here are not intended to represent a comprehensive list. Careers and Placements cannot be held responsible for the content of external websites.

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