



# AoC / #iwill work experience and youth social action survey report

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## Background

In September 2016 the Association of Colleges and #iwill campaign undertook a joint survey on work experience and youth social action (YSA). The key findings are presented below. In total, 92 colleges, nearly a third of the sector completed the survey.

Region*	Number of responses	Number of Colleges in England	Percent within region
Eastern	8	33	24%
East Midlands	6	20	30%
Greater London	9	47	19%
North East	6	19	32%
North West	13	55	24%
South East	14	58	24%
South West	11	24	46%
West Midlands	11	36	31%
Yorkshire and the Humber	13	33	39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>28%</b>

\* regional breakdown excludes independent specialist colleges

## Work experience

### External work placements

The percentage of students on external work placement differed considerably by level.

- At Levels 2 and 3 over 50% of students had external placements (58% and 54% respectively).
- For Level 1 and below the figure was 37%.
- 22% of Level 1 and below students were doing little or no external work placement.



### **Work experience patterns**

- 63% of colleges reported a combination of work experience blocks and a slot per week. 19% of colleges indicated that students went out on week or two-week blocks only and 13% went out for a slot per week.
- 84% of students had 20 -50 hours of work experience per year.

### **Supported internships**

- 55% of respondents indicated that they offered supported internships.
- The average number of students per institution on a supported internship is 14.

## **Youth Social Action**

### **Key findings**

- 59% of those colleges who responded indicated that they had a whole college approach to YSA.
- 33% of the colleges who responded said that over half their students participate in YSA regularly
- 97% work in partnership with charities, National Citizen Service (NCS) or Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) to deliver YSA.
- 90% said that they would do more if YSA was part of work experience advice (it is currently part of Study Programme advice).
- YSA is offered under 1) enrichment, 2) Study Programmes, 3) student union programmes
- The key influencers are: 1) Ofsted, 2) Department for Education, 3) students
- Senior leaders and students are the key drivers of YSA.
- Health, Public Services and Care are the departments which do the most YSA
- 60% of respondents work with/in schools
- 30% have heard of the #iwill campaign
- 92% wanted to know more about the #iwill campaign