



Potential Work Experience



Career Plan

This is something I haven't fully figured out yet. I am still finding myself in the music industry. I would love to be in a working musician or be in a band, however there are other options to consider. I would also like to run a business similar to Jam on Top, which I will explain later. As that organisation helped shape me into the musician and person I am today, I would love to provide a similar experience for other people. Being a music teacher is also something I have considered, as I do like helping people. I'm not sure if this would involve being a drum tutor or being a music tutor in general.



The Experience I Have

Music Experience:

L3, L3 Extended in Music Performance and Production and L4 in FdA Music for the Creative industries. Over this time I have worked around and have some knowledge about live sound and performance, music marketing, studios and recording, music technology and how the industry works. I have been in a band, The Moors, for 4 years, this has helped improve my industry knowledge, marketing skills, and my performance skills. I have a Grade 5 in RSL drums and have been playing for 12 years, and my general music knowledge has vastly improved since I started my music education, being a beginner on bass guitar and piano and a adequate knowledge of music theory.

Other experience:

I worked at a factory for a little over 2 years running the packing department but also doing a variety of the other jobs available, and I currently work at Asda as a cleaner. I also worked at Deershed Festival over the summer as a production runner. None of these jobs have been technically difficult however they have given me a strong work ethic, helped my teamwork skills, being in a band also helped this, I will now take any job on with open arms as I have done a variety of work and have had to improvise over the course of my working career, working at Asda and dealing with customers has helped me realise how to act professional in front of customers and be respectful to them and striking up friendly conversation.



What I want to gain from Work Experience

I want to experience an actual job in the music industry, so I can see what it's like to have a working career in the music industry. I would also like to see how to run a business in the music industry, so working at a small company would be good so I can learn and ask about it. It will also be fun and interesting to work in new environments and meet new people. I hope this also helps me figure out which areas of the industry I do and don't want to work in.



Jam On Top

Jam On Top is a venue and a rehearsal, recording studio and a venue which also does drum lessons, that is based in Keighley. I live a 10 minute bus journey away, so it is very easy for me to get to. I have been going to this place for drum lessons since I was a child and I use it as a rehearsal space weekly therefore I have a very good contact with the two owners. I have no information about the hours, but they are open everyday until 10, I don't think there'll be an issue getting enough hours, I will just have to work around my job and university. The work would involve shadowing the person who sets up the equipment in the rehearsal rooms, I would only shadow for a short amount of time and then be able to do it on my own. Shadowing/helping out at gigs, learning more about live sound and live performance. I would also be interacting with all the musicians who come to rehearse which means I will be meeting more people in the industry and people that are interested in music, which will give me more knowledge. This is the most relevant potential candidate to my career plan as it is a business I would like to get into and know more about. It also has a couple different kinds of work I'll be doing, so it'll help me realise what I want to do in the music industry.



Bradford Music Education Hub

Bradford Music Education Hub is an organisation based in Bradford that teaches music to young people. This would involve helping out with their rock school at Salt's School on a Tuesday night. I think I would do a good at this as rock is the main genre of music I have played and listened to. However teaching young kids isn't something I think I'd be good at, I would prefer an older class. Salt's school is only a 10 minute train journey from me so it would be easy to get to. However, I get drum lessons at Jam on Top on a Tuesday night, so this would conflict with doing this. The only hours are on a Tuesday night so it would take a while to complete the minimum 40 hours. I don't have any contacts here at the minute. It is relevant to my goals as I will see another career in the music industry, I will also have experience in teaching so I will know if it is something I want to pursue later in my career.



The Underground

The Underground is a historic music venue in Bradford. The work would include shadowing the sound engineer and learning more about that. The negatives of this are that I will only be shadowing, and not actually doing it myself. I have played at the underground with my band many times, and personally I do not think the sound equipment is very good or that the sound engineer is very good either. So I'm not sure how much I will actually learn. I would get better at problem solving as there are always problems with the equipment at this venue. Live sound is not something I am that interested in, I wouldn't mind doing it but it isn't what I'm most interested in. However, just seeing how a venue works, even more than I already know, would be interesting and useful. It would be good to see how this small business runs, and to see some more potential jobs in the industry. I am not sure about the specific hours that this will entail, however, gigs are on nights and usually on a Friday or a Saturday, this doesn't clash with anything in my life. It is the same journey that I take to get to uni, so the travel is not an issue either. I have worked with the Underground a lot, I know the sound engineer and the owners very well and I don't think they will have an issue with me doing work experience with them.



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