



Association of
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Promoting higher education work placement through engagement with all stakeholders. Developing best practice policy guidelines, producing relevant research publications and creating a forum for the sharing of expertise and experience among work placement professionals.

WORK PLACEMENT TASK GROUP 2016-18

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OBJECTIVES FOR 2014-2016

- Produce two Guides: 'A Best Practice Guide to Health & Safety' & 'Work Placement - A Best Practice Guide for HEIs'
- Continue to Promote Placement Task Group Advocacy message
- Consider roll out of research to a National Student Survey on 'Impact of Work Placement on Employability and Skills Development'
- Consultation event on Health & Safety

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM 2014-2016

- AHECS Work Placement Professionals' Training Day (May 2014)
- 3 Best Practice Guides (Students; Employers and Advocacy) updated and distributed at the GIC.
- Research Pilot Student Survey 'Impact of Work Placement on Employability and Skills Development'
 - 4 HEIs participated
 - 583 Computer Science, Information Systems and Engineering students participated
 - 43% completed the survey
 - 91% Ireland based Placement
 - 89% Compulsory placement
 - 92% Paid Placement

36%

of Work Placements
receive provisional offers
of Graduate Jobs from
the Employers

The Work Placement
Task Group presented
at the Global Internship
Conference



Members attend the
ASET conference.



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