



Issue 7 - Wednesday  
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# Science Placements and Employability Group Newsletter



The Science Placement and Employability Group consists of Academic and Support Staff representatives who meet regularly to discuss Placement and Employability matters arising within the Faculty.

The SPEG Newsletter has been devised to report back the matters discussed and keep all Faculty of Science Staff up to date.

**The following items have been discussed at the most recent SPEG Meeting:**

### **Funding for DBS**

Further to reports that students have been applying for hardship funding to support Post Office ID verification costs for DBS checks, queries have been raised within the University with regards to extra funding. The outcome is currently pending.

### **Healthy and Safety Risk Assessment Training**

For University Placement Tutors, Risk Assessment training remains available to all schools within the Faculty.

### **World of Work Career Centre Updates**

<b>Pre-reg Pharmacy Employer Event</b>	<b>Wednesday 11th February 2015</b>
<b>Working in Forensics</b>	<b>Wednesday 11th March 2015</b>

### **World of Work Career Zone**

The Career Zone has officially opened in Byrom Street and is located next to the main reception, James Parsons Building. Please inform your students

For more information, contact the World of Work Careers Centre, tel: 0151 231 8099

## **Sandwich placement payments**

Clarification has been requested regarding the information within the Code of Practice, which states that all students completing a sandwich placement should be paid. This outcome is currently pending.

## **Summer placement funding**

PBS 14 week summer placements are no longer funded by the NHS, so students who have funding issues should be referred to Student and Advice and Wellbeing.

Student funding Manager, Lynne Condell, tel: 0151 904 6055, email: L.E.Condell@ljmu.ac.uk

## **Faculty of Science Skills Support Unit**

It appears students continue to struggle differentiating the Faculty's World of Work and Skills Support Unit, from the World of Work Careers Centre and often end up handing up paperwork into Kingsway House and turning up for Employability Events at Byrom Street. Feedback from students and staff suggest that the World of Work and Skills Support Unit title does not reflect the support the Unit offers to students. This concern has been raised within the Faculty.

## **Changes to Placement Learning Code of Practice**

Any recommendations/ changes regarding the Code of Practice paperwork should be channelled through Phil Denton and CANNOT be changed locally within schools.

For more information, please contact Phil Denton, tel: 0151 231 2035, email: P.Denton@ljmu.ac.uk

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Should you have any information you wish to feed back to the Science Placements and Employability Group, good practice you would like to share or any input with regard to the items mentioned above please contact your School Representative or Katie Lawrence.

Date of the next Science Placements and Employability Group Meeting: Wednesday 4th February 2015

All comments to be sent to your School Representative/ Secretary by: Wednesday 28th January 2015