



Catalyst

Generation Innovation. Work Experience Reimagined.

Calling all Teachers

This is the work experience programme your students need.

Generation Innovation energises the imaginations and aspirations of young people in Northern Ireland by increasing their development of 21st-century skills and awareness of exciting future careers in innovation.

The programme will inspire and upskill all students who participate building an innovation skillset through a deep-dive into 'design thinking'.

The Work Experience Programme is for ambitious year 13 and 14 (or equivalent) interested in up-skilling for the jobs of the future. Students receive Design Thinking training over the course of 5 days in a facilitated virtual environment, learning how to work as part a new team made up of students from across Northern Ireland, develop new solutions and communicate their ideas. Their new skills are then put to the test to solve a company challenge, developing a solution before pitching it to the partner company and their fellow students.

The 2021 Programme will engage with 600 students this June for a **fully virtual work experience programme**, working with some of the most successful and dynamic companies in Northern Ireland.

Skills Developed

- Communication
- Teambuilding
- Emotional Resilience
- Problem Solving
- Creativity
- Presentation
- Empathy
- User-centered design

Key Dates

Registration Deadline

Friday 14th May 2021

Work Experience Schedule (need only attend one week)

Week 1: 31st May – 5th June

Week 2: 7th June – 11th June

Week 3: 14th June – 18th June

Week 4: 21st June – 25th June

Daily Schedule*

9:30am – 12:00pm

Morning session

12:00pm – 2:00pm:

Networking, expos & lunch break

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Facilitated team work

*Subject to change

Benefits

- Hosted online
- Access to exciting and innovative companies across Northern Ireland
- Free Generation Innovation merchandise
- Free to attend
- Access to the Catalyst School Alumni network
- Students build new friendships and connections beyond their network

Students are guaranteed to learn in a fun, energetic and highly engaging way that'll inspire and empower them for the future.

Agenda

Day one: Overview of the week, introductions, team-building tasks, introduction to online tools. Company details and Challenge statements.

Day two: Expert interviews make a challenge map and define the problem.

Day three: Ideation – concept sketching, create an initial prototype.

Day four: Prototype and testing.

Day five: Feedback, presentations to company teams and celebrations.

Want to get involved?

Visit www.generationinnovation.co or email generationinnovation@wearecatalyst.org for more information.