

Building A Local Network

At the heart of QESTudio is a belief that our students will one day soon become the next generation to grow and develop our local economy; contributing to its workforce, running its small businesses and forming our rural communities.

So in order to give our students the best possible preparation to play these roles, the QESTudio is building strong and meaningful links with employers and industry experts from across our locality.

Our ability to tailor Programmes of Study to meet the needs of local industries relies on consultation and contribution from our network of professional partners.

This group of socially responsible businesses support our work in a whole range of ways, dependent upon the needs and capacity of their businesses. This support could include:

- **Project Briefs** – Providing real world challenges for our student Project Teams.
- **Consultation** – Working with our Directors of Programmes and Employer Engagement to develop our curriculum and opportunities, ensuring our programmes equip our students with the skills and experiences necessary to join the workforce or access further training.
- **Taster Days** – Opportunities for students to join a business for up to a week, giving them a taste of life in industry beyond their time in education.
- **Professional Mentoring** – Taking part in onsite coaching sessions, providing professional guidance to students nearing the end of their programme, supporting them along routes to employment or further study.
- **Placements** – With the potential for dedicated work, serving a particular business need or to practice an industry specific skill, placements can run for an afternoon weekly for anything from just a few weeks to a whole year. Designed with employers to meet the needs of the host business.
- **Onsite Work Experience** – Facilitating sessions such as acting as head chef for a day, working with a team from our Catering Programme to feed local community groups in our onsite restaurant.
- **Business Briefings** – Introduce students to life in your business, presenting to groups in our purpose built CREATE hub.

If you run or work within a business that would like to become one of our professional partners and can contribute in any of the ways listed above, we would love to hear from you!