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**Title:** Employer engagement in biomedical science, culinary science and music production

**Keywords:** bioscience; employer engagement; biomedical science; Foundation Degree; Foundation Diploma; work-based learning; curriculum development

**Organisation:** Sussex Learning Network

**Purpose:** The aim of the project is to develop and introduce systems for employer engagement that will be appropriate to a range of curriculum areas and Foundation degrees or diplomas delivered at City College Brighton. These will be used to evaluate employer and industrial attitudes to work-based learning and the vocational competencies expected from students at Foundation degree or diploma level. A longer-term aim is to engage with employers and involve them in curriculum design and delivery and assessment of work-based elements of these qualifications. The team also plans to identify training needs relating to the delivery and assessment of work-based learning at Level 4. The outcomes will provide valuable models for developing employer engagement which may be beneficial for all Foundation degrees and diplomas delivered within the SLN and nationally.

**Method:** The team will initially devise questionnaires and set up databases. Each team member will then focus on engaging employers in the areas of Biomedical Science, Music Production and Culinary Arts.

**Outcomes of research:** This work will contribute to the design of Foundation degrees that are vocationally focused and contain relevant work-based learning and workrelated learning. Improved employer liaison and relevance of courses should lead to increased recruitment and widening participation.

**Is a final report available?:** No

**How will the findings be disseminated?:** Via the Sussex Learning Network Website and the Lifelong Learning Network Forum

**Where can it be found?:**

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