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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Challenge (The)
What does the organisation do?	Provider for the National Citizen Service, a 4 week summer social integration and personal development programme for young people in the UK.
Where were you located?	Croydon, UK (with one week in Swindon, UK)
What did you do?	I was a senior mentor for a group of 15-16 year old young people. My role combined pastoral elements with leading them through 3 different parts to the programme: the Personal Challenge (an outdoor activity week), the Team Challenge (learning new skills such as public speaking and entrepreneurship) and the Real Challenge (designing and implementing a community project).
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Ability to lead, take responsibility, work with others and understand how to motivate them, particularly people with very different backgrounds to myself.
What were your average weekly earnings?	> £400
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Further vacation experience;References

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/A
Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Details of the student who provided this feedback (some students have asked us to omit Raven ID/course details):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Challenge (The)
What does the organisation do?	Charity aiming to reduce social division and increase social mobility. Runs the government's National Citizens Service programme in much of the country, as well as other initiatives.
Where were you located?	Working in London the majority of the time, with residential periods in Wales (transport from London provided)
What did you do?	Senior Mentor on the National Citizens Service programme. In this programme, 16 years olds spend one week doing adventure activities on a residential trip, then one week learning skills that make them a better citizen, then one week using these skills to implement a project to help a local charity. Senior mentors are in charge of a group of 12 of these young people. They facilitate activities and look after welfare. I did two lots of the NCS programme.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Leadership skills from being responsible for the development of 12 young people. The opportunity to do some fun activities such as kayaking alongside the young people (although also sit through some fairly tedious classroom sessions). The insight that people who work with young people are dramatically overpaid for the amount of stress that they have to take on!
What were your average weekly earnings?	£250 - £399
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	None of the above

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	
Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	The Challenge have plenty of these roles to fill and have a very open recruitment process.

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Mod & Med Langs Tripos Other

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	DIGNITY - Danish Institute Against Torture
What does the organisation do?	They work with rehabilitation of torture victims, health and legal work for torture victims, prevention of violence and torture in urban areas and in detention and special efforts against torture in the Middle East and North Africa.
Where were you located?	Copenhagen, Denmark
What did you do?	I spent a weekend volunteering for DIGNITY at a music, culture & food festival (Haven). I collected and sorted bottles, cups and plastic for which the proceeds were donated to the organisation. I also promoted DIGNITY's work over the weekend in order to get as many bottles and cups as possible (attendees could refund the cups for money/more drinks instead of donating them if they wanted).
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	I was subscribed to their emails as I had volunteered for similar organisations before. I found out about it two years ago when I first subscribed but only took part this year.
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I gained insight into fundraising and marketing and I learnt how to sort recycling! I also got a free ticket for the whole festival and drinks vouchers worth a total of £250.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	If they live in Denmark or want to travel there
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/A

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Details of the student who provided this feedback (some students have asked us to omit Raven ID/course details):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Expert Self Care Ltd
What does the organisation do?	It is a social enterprise designing apps to help students look after their mental and physical health.
Where were you located?	Bristol, UK.
What did you do?	I wrote content for an app aimed at new students. This involved researching and writing about student accommodation, mental health, money, sex and relationships and more.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Cambridge Hub
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I improved my researching and writing skills. I also gained general work experience skills such as time management and working with others.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Helpful contacts;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/A

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	I found the careers service and Cambridge Hub really useful when applying and doing my work experience. I would definitely recommend the Social Impact scheme for others looking to gain experience in the charity sector.

Details of the student who provided this feedback (some students have asked us to omit Raven ID/course details):

Psych & Behav Sciences Tripos Finalist

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Fagun Foundation
What does the organisation do?	From their website: THE FAGUN FOUNDATION IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION DEDICATED TO EMPOWERING GIRLS AND WOMEN OF ALL AGES ACROSS THE GLOBE, THROUGH CREATIVITY AND ARTS AWARENESS. Through our creative education outreach and our provision of a supportive global network and community, the Foundation facilitates opportunities for women worldwide to express themselves, enabling them to grow and achieve their full potential. The programmes encourage both personal and professional development and well being.
Where were you located?	I worked from my home in Bucharest, Romania.
What did you do?	I helped organise the Foundation's first event in London in September by sending out emails to venues and creative practitioners whom we wanted as speakers.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Careers Service advertisement
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Insight into how to organise an event in London.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	None of the above

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	
Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	I went into this opportunity thinking it was an internship as per advertised. I have recently found out it has actually been volunteer work since I was working remotely. This is rather disappointing.

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Foal Farm
What does the organisation do?	Animal Rescue Centre
Where were you located?	Biggin Hill
What did you do?	General husbandry for small animals, poultry and waterfowl.
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Have worked there before
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	How not to get mugged by a goose and chicken catching skills
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	n/a

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Natural Sciences Tripos Finalist

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Food angel (HK)
What does the organisation do?	Distribute free hot meals to the elderly and other people in need in the local area
Where were you located?	Hong Kong
What did you do?	Chop up vegetables, preparing meal boxes
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Working efficiently under pressure to meet quota of meal boxes required each day
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Details of the student who provided this feedback (some students have asked us to omit Raven ID/course details):

Mathematical Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	HCPT
What does the organisation do?	HCPT takes disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes for a week-long pilgrimage holiday.
Where were you located?	Lourdes
What did you do?	I had personal responsibility for one child, as well as working as part of a larger group.
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
In which vacation?	Easter
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Teamwork was a key part of the week in Lourdes; knowing when to offer assistance to other helpers and when to ask for assistance in turn.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2017;2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Theol & Rel Stud Tripos Finalist

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Hong Kong based charitable fund
What does the organisation do?	Provides scholarship funding for 50 high school students who are about to enter university each year from Gansu province for their entire university degree.
Where were you located?	Hong Kong / China
What did you do?	Went to the high school to talk to, socialise and interview students, and learn about their learning and life experiences, as well as give advice about the transition to university
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Learnt about people from different backgrounds
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	7-9 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Details of the student who provided this feedback (some students have asked us to omit Raven ID/course details):

Law Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Justice Centre Hong Kong
What does the organisation do?	Legal and psychosocial advice for asylum seekers in Hong Kong, and policy work in the same area.
Where were you located?	Hong Kong, China SAR
What did you do?	We had a week of training, then assisted case workers by interviewing clients, researching country of origin information, filled out screening assessments for each client and typed up transcripts.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Careers Service advertisement
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Huge insight into the asylum system in Hong Kong, fantastic hands on experience in legal work relating to asylum seekers, especially meeting them and interviewing them. Insight into a legal clinic specialising in human rights work.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	It was organised through CULS pro bono so it depends if they can organise it again.
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	I already have the right to work in hong kong.

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Justice For A Better World
What does the organisation do?	It is a global charity that works on poverty, education, immigration, community engagement and a wide range of local and global issues.
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	I helped them research for a project. Unfortunately I did not get to do very much in this internship due to the disorganisation of this organisation (see below).
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Unfortunately I didn't gain much from this work experience. This work experience was titled a 'multidisciplinary internship' which made it sound very structured and interesting, but in reality it was very disorganised- I didn't find this out until I met the person in charge. I thought it would be an office job, but I was expected to do the work from my home. I only met one person from this charity, who gave me my first set of tasks. However, I wasn't contacted very often, nor did they check up on my progress as they promised, and I wasn't given the resources and information I needed to do the research and tasks for the project. It was difficult to get in touch with the main contact, and even when they asked me several times to switch to a different project and continue working for them (which I was evidently hesitant about and they ignored this), they still did not provide me with the resources or support that I needed. Some of the tasks they gave me were out of the realms of my ability, especially as a fresher and someone who was unpaid.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Although the person in charge said they could offer me a job when we first met, it wasn't a solid offer. Plus, considering how little support I received during my internship, I don't think I want to work with this organisation. A job offer

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	
Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	I would say be careful when applying for voluntary/charity internships- do your research and ask them questions if you want to ensure the organisation is legit and will actually support you during the internship in a way that allows you to actually get so

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Media Trust
What does the organisation do?	Bridge between the charity and media sector
Where were you located?	Wood Lane, London
What did you do?	I interned with the CEO, wrote reports, researched and attended meetings with big donors and corporate sponsors.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - Cambridge alumni, GradLink, College networks
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Working in an office environment, arranging events, working with large groups.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Helpful contacts;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	n/a

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Details of the student who provided this feedback (some students have asked us to omit Raven ID/course details):

Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Finalist

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	National Citizenship Service The Challenge
What does the organisation do?	They run a 4 week programme for 16-18 year olds in which young people build teamwork and personal skills through two residential phases, and then plan and deliver a social action project in aid of local charities.
Where were you located?	Sutton, UK
What did you do?	Senior Mentor - I was responsible for a team of young people, helping them to complete the challenges before them and facilitating reflection and youth leadership throughout. This involved staying on the residential phases, and attending the non-residential phases too. I worked with a team of 4 SMS, as well as a Programme Leader, Assistant Programme Leader and a Social Action Manager to deliver the programme to the young people.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I gained confidence in my abilities to get along with and facilitate discussion with young people, as well as independence and some great friendships! My public speaking abilities improved too, as it is a regular and important part of the role.
What were your average weekly earnings?	£250 - £399
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	This is a role I can return to in future breaks.;A job offer;Further vacation experience;Helpful contacts;References

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	
Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Details of the student who provided this feedback (some students have asked us to omit Raven ID/course details):

Natural Sciences Tripos Finalist

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Order of Malta Volunteers
What does the organisation do?	The Order of Malta Volunteers is a Catholic youth charity which offers young people (17-29) the opportunity to care for people with disabilities, while offering the guests we care for a chance to have a fun holiday and allow their carers respite. In Lebanon, the Order of Malta has a purpose built camp in the mountains, the charity takes as many guests as possible (one guest per volunteer with 'floating' volunteers and a chaplain and medical team) from homes in and around Beirut where they experience very little human interaction due to severe short staffing, we take them to this camp for a week and offer them constant human companionship (each guest is assigned a volunteer who sticks with them for over 12 hours a day) and stimulation with music, games, trips to the beach, fashion shows, walks, masses, etc.
Where were you located?	Lebanon (Faraya)
What did you do?	I was assigned a female guest in the first week and was a 'floating' volunteer in my second week. It was a massive learning curve as my female guest was on strong medication (often 12x the strength of usual UK doses) for schizophrenia and as such was quite quiet as well as speaking only limited English. Seeing her come out of her shell and join in the games and activities not only required me to shed my own shy exterior but also to get to know the way she worked in a short space of time and form a bond with her quickly. In the second week as a floating volunteer I was assigned the guests of those who had been on night duty the night before and this was an entirely different challenge as it meant flexibility in terms of care (some of the guests needed much more physical care and different kinds and levels of stimulation) and getting to know the guests and how to best care for them and be their friend in an accelerated period of time. I got particularly close to one of the guests through a shared love of dancing and it was wonderful to get to meet so many people. We'd begin the day with a prayer and briefing at around 7am and then get the guests up and fed and ready for the day's activities, we would be solely in charge of caring for the guest through meals, activities, bathroom activities, etc. until they went to bed after our nightly sing along.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I learnt some few basic Arabic phrases, got to see an incredible country, made some amazing friends who are like-minded when it comes to helping others, received insight into the lives of people who have extremely different experiences to me (I found it hard to process at times how such wonderful people lived and were treated when in the UK they might only be on some medication or in supervised accommodation as opposed to be so separated from society and intellectual stimulation).

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What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	The charity sorts all of these things for you! I applied for a DBS at their expense and that's all the involvement to sort the details that I needed to do myself.
Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Classical Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Traidcraft Exchange
What does the organisation do?	A sister organization to Fairtrade, Traidcraft Exchange works with small-scale producers in developing nations to harness the benefits of trade, whilst fighting injustice in global trade.
Where were you located?	Working from home - Chelmsford.
What did you do?	I researched the environmental impact of the cotton ginning and spinning processes in India, looked into the health hazards faced by workers in these sectors, and investigated how the processes could be more energy efficient and sustainable. With a weekly phone call with a supervisor, I built my information into two reports, which I fed back to various members of the organization via a conference call at the end of the project.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I developed my ability to research, reading through long reports and selecting the relevant information. My presentation and written skills then improved through collating it all into a professionally written report. I gained knowledge of the workings of a complex supply chain in a developing country, and my verbal communication skills were tested in the conference call.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	These sorts of organizations always need help - email and ask if you're interested.
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Further vacation experience;Helpful contacts;References

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If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	
Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Wiltshire International Studies Centre
What does the organisation do?	Studies the international diaspora within a Wiltshire-centric context.
Where were you located?	Cirencester
What did you do?	Investigated and compiled fieldwork concerning the study of the international diaspora within Wiltshire
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
In which vacation?	Christmas
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Speculative application
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Insight into international diaspora within Wiltshire
What were your average weekly earnings?	> £400
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	No
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Workaway
What does the organisation do?	Provide volunteering experiences around the world. You pay for travel, then live and eat with your hosts for free, while volunteering.
Where were you located?	Odem, The Golan Heights, Israel.
What did you do?	I was working in a hostel - making pancakes for breakfasts, cleaning toilets, gardening, painting, making beds, checking in guests, taking payments, re-stocking the hostel shop and charity shop, cooking with/for the other volunteers and talking with the guests about things to do in Israel.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Meeting people from all over the world, everyday. Fantastic sense of perspective. Working in close proximity with between 3-6 other volunteers. We had two days off a week, so planning trips for yourself each week became essential. Hitchhiking meant you met a great variety of people living in Israel, from all different religions, backgrounds etc. Overwhelming sense of the myriad ways you can live your life.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	I went alone to Israel, booking my flights two weeks before going. I think it is really important to have a go at doing something away from home on your own and, especially for first years, where it may be harder to get an internship/placement, this is a

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Name of organisation	World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts
What does the organisation do?	International youth organisation (of which Girlguiding UK is a member)I volunteered at Our Chalet, Adelboden, an activity centre in the Swiss mountains which hosts events for guides and guests from around the world, with activities like hiking, crafts and Swiss culture education
Where were you located?	Adelboden, Switzerland
What did you do?	Guest services - cooking, cleaning and setting rooms, planning meals, gardening
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Volunteered during my gap year
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Ability to manage a kitchen as I was the most experienced during a period without a kitchen manager. I met and worked with people from different cultures (Scandinavia, Germany, Tunisia) and got to enjoy a few weeks in Switzerland with free board and food
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	If they are members of WAGGGS/guides/scouts
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	n/a

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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