

WORK PLACEMENT FOR STUDENTS DURING APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Amid tight job market competition, employers nowadays are placing greater emphasis on the value of skills. Work experience is one way for students to add to their skills profile. In this view, the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) is organising an initiation workshop at **10 00 hrs at HRDC, 4th Floor, NG Tower, Ebène on 07 April 2014** to mark the launch of its work placement programme for Lower VI students.

Some 150 students from 42 secondary schools will be on placement in 24 participating organisations for two weeks during the April school holidays. The main objective of the placement programme is to bridge the gap between the schooling system and the world of work from an early stage. Students will be able to familiarise themselves to a working environment and reinforce academic learning with practical workplace experience.

“Since last year, the HRDC has introduced a new feature to the work placement programme,” explained Mr Raj Auckloo, Director of the HRDC. He added, “For the April batch, the HRDC will run a presentation on topics such as potential career pathways, job interview advice and how to build a successful CV so as to give students the necessary guidance in their career planning process.”

The project was first launched in August 2007 and has been successfully replicated in Rodrigues since July last year. Undoubtedly, work experience has a number of advantages for students by helping to boost their self-development, improving communication and language skills and developing an awareness of the workplace culture. By emphasising the importance of out-of-classroom career-related experiences for students, the project exposes the students to the new realities of the world of work.

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The initiation workshop will be organised as follows:

Date	Monday 07 April 2014
Time	10 00 hours
Venue	HRDC Lecture Theatre, 4th Floor, NG Tower, Cybercity, Ebène

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