



TPSI
Transport Planning
Skills Initiative

Want to learn about Transport Planning?

Most people in the UK rely on transport; whether it's the bus to school, the train to college, the car to work, or the new tram system to the cinema. Transport helps to revitalise areas of unemployment, improve people's health and influence the shape of our cities.

Transport Planning is about preparing, assessing and implementing policies, plans and projects. These are designed to improve and to manage our transport systems. There is a need for transport planning on a local, regional and national level. It can involve understanding the linkages between transport and the future shape of our towns and cities. It is also about changing people's attitudes towards travel to encourage use of alternatives to the private car.



The work placement scheme

The transport planning work placement scheme is a new initiative providing you with the opportunity to experience this exciting profession. It is being promoted as part of the Transport Planning Skills Initiative by the Transport Planning Society.

A range of 'accredited' organisations are offering short placements to undergraduates to introduce them to transport planning. The placements, typically six to ten weeks during the summer vacation, will allow students to gain valuable work experience and probably get paid for it too! The placements will start in July 2003.

The organisations include:

Consultancies around UK

- Arup
- Halcrow
- Mott McDonald
- MVA
- Peter Brett Associates
- Steer Davies Gleave

Local Authorities

- Nottingham City Council
- Derbyshire County Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Derby City Council
- Lincolnshire County Council
- Hampshire County Council
- Reading Borough Council
- Centro, Birmingham

and

- Transport Research Laboratory

Who are we looking for?

We would be interested to hear from students from any discipline. First or second year students on courses in Geography, the Environment, Economics, Maths & Statistics and Engineering may have a particular interest in this field.

What sort of work might I be doing?

The work will depend upon the needs of the organisation you are working with, but they are committed to ensuring that the experience is valuable to you and your long term career objectives. Examples include:

- Helping to develop Local Transport Plans and transport policies
- Working in a consultancy environment with a range of clients
- Working with schools and businesses to encourage them to use modes other than the car
- Working on a survey of transport users
- Forecasting the transport needs arising from a local development such as a supermarket
- Developing or using a computer model of road traffic, buses and railways

Want to find out more about work placements?

For further information or to register your interest in the work placement scheme please contact Andy Costain, TPSI Project Manager on 020 7348 1975 or acostain@compuserve.com.

The work placements will start in July 2003 and places are limited so please make contact as soon as possible.

For further information on transport planning, see:

www.tps.org.uk

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