

# PLN stories: Placements

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We chose to take part in the placement scheme as our experience of taking part in similar schemes has always been incredibly positive. We also received a lot of support from the Professional Liaison Network which made us very happy and excited to take part.

The students were a joy to have with us. There were many 'quick wins' that came from simply having some extra hands in the team. On top of this though, they always brought an excitement and loads of new ideas that was really motivating for us! One of my highlights was when one of our students contacted us to get our thoughts on a whole policy proposal they'd developed, based on topics we covered during their time with us!

I would absolutely recommend hosting a placement student. There are clear benefits of having hard-working, energetic people supporting any team, but even just getting to meet such incredible people at a time when they are still working out their career dreams and are excited to do as much as possible was a privilege.

To any students completing a placement I would say don't be afraid to ask for what you want! Some of the best moments on this scheme was when a student suggested a bright idea. It was a delight to give them experience and see their passion for the topic grow, and we always benefitted from what they went away and made.



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