London Sample Internship List – Social Work

INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION:

Students seeking placements within Social Work should have excellent interpersonal and communication and skills and be comfortable working with people who may have either behavioural or learning difficulties. There are a variety of placements available and a number of these involve working with children or young adults either in an educational setting or a local community centre. Students are likely to start out in an observational capacity, working alongside professionally trained social workers or counsellors and may be given more independent responsibility as the placement progresses, depending on the skills and experience demonstrated. UK laws and legislation will limit the opportunity to engage or conduct counselling tasks to individuals who have already attained industry required qualifications.

EXAMPLES OF PREVIOUS PLACEMENTS: (Please note that the following sites are a brief cross-section of current CAPA internship host sites and should not be considered as a guarantied location for your placement. All internship & service learning placements will be dependent upon each individual applicant's application documents, prior experiences, demonstrated skills and their aspirations and goals.)

Castlehaven	The Castlehaven Community Association is a registered charity and was established in 1985 as a community charity that provides activities, classes and facilities across the age ranges. It is set in four acres of public open space which includes three buildings, two community gardens, with an enclosed children's play area, flood lit sport facilities for the local people and the wider Camden communities.
ELBWO	ELBWO was initially established in 1979 to promote the interests of African and African Caribbean families and to assist educational, social and professional development. The organisation has now grown and developed and is now recognised as a centre for the advancement of not only the African and African Caribbean community but also the wider community.
Kids Company – Kenbury Under 16 Education Department	Kenbury under 16 Education Department offers support to vulnerable young children with either learning or behavioural difficulties in the U16 Education Unit and also offers support to their families.

Westminster Befriend A Family	Westminster Befriend a Family provides family support services to vulnerable and disadvantaged children and families throughout Westminster. 90% of families are from ethnic minority communities, mainly refugee and newly arrived migrant families.
Youth Offending Service (including Kensington & Chelsea, Westminster, Hammersmith & Newham)	The main purpose of the Youth Offending Service is to reduce offending by children and young people. The statutory part of the service works with children and young people aged from 10 to 18 years, who come to the attention of the police and courts because they have been involved in crime. The preventative part of the service aims to stop young people offending and becoming involved in the criminal justice system. The service provides a range of services to help and support young people, and their families, to try to stop them from becoming any further involved in crime and anti-social behaviour.
YouthNet	YouthNet is the UK's leading online charity, providing advice, information and support to young people aged 16 to 25. YouthNet provide emotional support to young people through online advice and guidance, and help them give back by providing a fast, easy route to all types of volunteering.

POTENTIAL PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES:

Project opportunities will be dependent upon the current needs within the organisation and the demonstrated skills and abilities shown by each intern. It is imperative to remember that project opportunities will develop over time and throughout internship placements. Projects may include but are not limited to:

Community Interaction & Engagement – Event Coordination & Support – Office Administration – Classroom Assistance – Social Media Development – Volunteer Coordination – Mentoring and Support

TRANSFERABLE SKILL SETS:

It is essential to maximise every opportunity within the internship placements. If tasks and duties are approached in a professional manner, interns can take away additions skills and abilities that will be of benefit to their personal and professional development. Transferable skills sets include but are not limited to:

Effective Communication – Interpersonal Skills - Time Management – Mentoring & Support – Teamwork Community Engagement – Presenting & Reporting –– Problem Solving – Networking – Planning & Organisation