


Opening Reflections





What was your first part-time job or work placement?
List one key thing you learned.

(one post-it per person)



**Learning to Be Professional:
Student stories of their Professional Training Year**

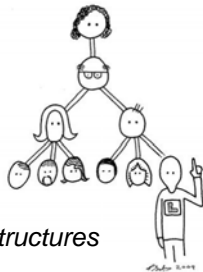
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Understanding the context of the work environment

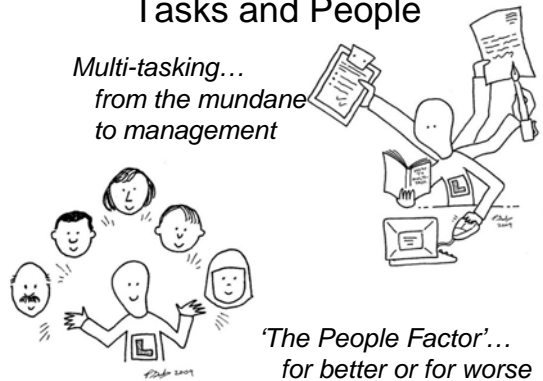


Organisational structures



Tasks and People

*Multi-tasking...
from the mundane
to management*

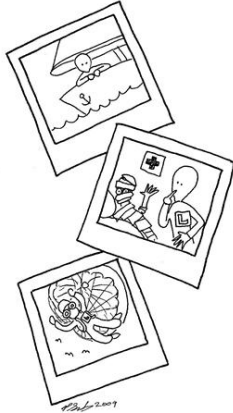


*'The People Factor'...
for better or for worse*

Connections to life-wide learning

Interests outside of work:

'What should I do with the rest of my life?'



Maximising Personal Agency

- ✓ Taking initiative
- ✓ Combining creativity + technical expertise
- ✓ Transferable skills:
 - ✓ Communication
 - ✓ Personal management



Practical advice for placement students

- ✓ Network!
- ✓ Define your role
- ✓ Obtain a major project
- ✓ Budget ahead!
- ✓ Go abroad



Conclusion



"Approach the year with an enthusiastic, pro-active attitude and not only learn more about the practical application of your degree to 'the real world', but discover more about yourself."