

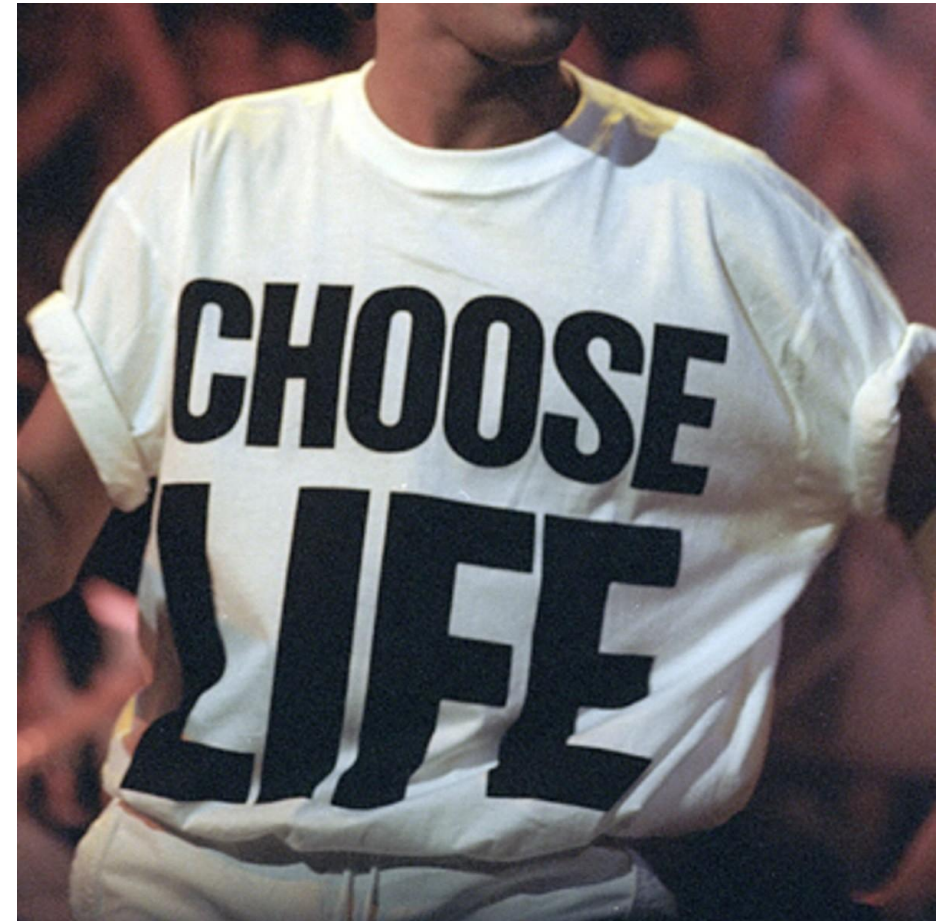
‘Three people, a why and a thank you...’

Part 1



Peter Gaul, CEO, Belonging Schools

A moment to change a life



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What modern work experience isn't:

- ☒ An initiative
- ☒ A 12 month project
- ☒ A 'file on a shelf'
- ☒ A funding stream

What modern work experience is:



Workplace experiences as a progressive programme



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Lower volume, higher depth

Higher volume, lower depth



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A thank you for being...(x3)

- here
- able to see something bigger
- able to see the *civic*



Equalex: Redefining *the civic*



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We are on a
mission to
reinvent work
experience

BENCHMARK 6

EXPERIENCES OF WORKPLACES

SUMMARY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Every pupil should have first-hand experiences of workplaces to help their exploration of career opportunities and expand their networks.

The Milburn Report



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Britain is no longer facing a marginal youth employment problem. It is confronting a systemic failure at the point where a generation is supposed to transition into adulthood. This is not a temporary shock. It is not a post-pandemic hangover. It is not a question of motivation or culture. It is a structural breakdown with profound consequences for economic performance, fiscal sustainability and social cohesion.

(The Milburn Report, June 2026)



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Nearly one million young people are outside education and work. They are not a statistic. They are the sons and daughters of this country.

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“We know enough for every
child to succeed.”

(Edmonds, 1979)



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