



APRIL POSTCARD

Welcome to this month's newsletter, subscribers!
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CV WORKSHOP RECAP

On 25th April, we held our first CV workshop, which was a great chance for students to learn the ins and outs of CV writing as well as to review and compare a good and bad CV. Check out the CV Do's and Don'ts below:

CV Do's



Highlight relevant skills and experiences based on the job description



Be positive and sell yourself



Use evidence to emphasise results by providing numbers and metrics



Check spelling & grammar and make sure to proofread



Update your CV regularly



Change your CV to match each job or industry you apply to



CV Don'ts



Exceed more than two pages and add unnecessary information



Lie about your experiences or skills



Include your DOB, gender, orientation, marital status, religion or nationality



Use generic clichés and buzzwords



Add a photo unless specifically asked



Use too many different colours or fonts



Make sure to visit our [website](#) for CV writing advice and our [resource bank](#) for CV templates. If you are interested in a 1-1 CV review, please contact us [here](#)!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

IF YOUR DREAMS DON'T SCARE
YOU, THEY ARE TOO SMALL.

-RICHARD BRANSON

INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT



In this month's newsletter, we talk to Keval Patel, an Operations Consultant at Arup and a University of Surrey (BEng) and Imperial (MSc) graduate in Chemical Engineering.

Why did you choose to study engineering and specifically Chemical Engineering?

I chose to study engineering as I didn't feel like a pure science/ maths really suited me, I was always drawn to using knowledge from the different subjects I had studied and applying it to a problem. Chemical engineering felt perfect for me as it was at the intersection of the two subjects I enjoyed the most, chemistry and maths. Furthermore, I liked the idea of learning how to design, improve and operate entire processes through their whole life cycle.

What attracted you to Operations Consulting?

If I am completely honest I wasn't entirely sure what Operations Consulting exactly entailed when I applied for my current job. I knew I liked the idea of working on a variety of projects, hence consulting was a natural fit, and I knew I enjoyed learning about how to make processes operate better and more efficiently, hence the Operations division. I also liked the idea of approaching problems from a business perspective and I knew the transferable skills I gained in engineering would come in handy.

What is one thing you've learnt about the sector you work in?

Operations consulting is super diverse! In my team we have people from all sorts of disciplines, from psychology to engineering, and we do work across a lot of different sectors such as energy, road and rail transport, aviation, property, science and research, water, and healthcare. Depending on your background and interests you can end up working on projects that may involve to operational strategy and design, urban/city operations, transport operations, supply chain development, distribution, logistics, human behaviour, work culture etc. Of course, this all depends on the company you join, but if you value and enjoy working with lots of different people on lots of different projects then consulting is a safe bet!

What one key piece of advice would you give to your 16-year old self?

Be freer. Explore whatever you are interested in. There is an abundance of opportunities everywhere, sometimes you just have look harder and look in the right places. Also do things that may scare you – I have very rarely regretted doing things that scared me or made me a little anxious (within reason obviously!).

What does a typical day look like for you at Arup?

One thing to note about consulting is that there are quite a lot of meetings – internal meetings with project teams, client meetings, presentations and workshops. A typical day for me will include a few meetings e.g. presenting an update on a project to a client and taking their questions or taking part in an internal meeting to help us define our team's sustainability strategy to make sure we are in alignment with the broader company strategy.

Outside of these meetings I will be mainly doing work to be delivered to our clients, for example right now I am involved in three different projects in the nuclear sector, two of them are around helping the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), who are responsible for cleaning up the UK's nuclear waste, improve their information and knowledge management systems. My other project is helping an organisation called Radioactive Waste Management (RWM) develop effective operating practices, they are a new organisation commissioned by the government to build a geological disposal facility ready for use in the year 2200!

OUR LATEST PARTNERSHIPS

We are excited to announce our two new partnerships formed in the last month! Stay tuned for our collaborative events 🚀



QMUL SPA X ACCELERATE

QMUL's School of Physics and Astronomy

Check out the statement released from the School below and find out more about them [here](#).

“Widening participation in STEM education and in turn, STEM careers is of huge importance and benefit to all. The School of Physics and Astronomy at Queen Mary University of London is proud to be working with Accelerate to explore ways in which we can collaborate to achieve our mutual aim of ensuring school and university students are well supported in making choices about their future.”

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DIVERCITY X ACCELERATE

Diversity, a female-led mentoring initiative that focus on supporting students in Finance and Consulting industries

Are you interested in securing a graduate role in Finance, Consulting or other professional industries? Or a young professional with 1 year+ experience, looking for an opportunity to mentor?

Sign up to Diversity's Summer '21 Mentoring Programme!

Their programme is designed to support graduates in the recruitment process, facilitate meaningful connections and help young people grow their network.

They are looking for both mentors and mentees – to find out more or sign up, visit their website [here](#). The original application deadline has been extended until Friday 30th April!

UPCOMING EVENTS

A graphic for a 'Networking Skills Workshop'. It features a blue background with a network of white dots and lines. At the top, there are three white icons: two speech bubbles and three stylized human figures. Below the icons, the text 'Networking Skills Workshop' is written in a large, white, outlined font. Underneath the title, a white rectangular box contains the text 'SATURDAY 22ND MAY 1-2PM'. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text in white, all caps, and a logo for 'ACCELERATE' which consists of a white arrow pointing right inside a white circle.

Networking Skills Workshop

SATURDAY 22ND MAY 1-2PM

AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP OFFERING ADVICE AND TECHNIQUES TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND AND PRACTISE HOW TO NETWORK SUCCESSFULLY, BOTH IN PERSON AND ON NETWORKING PLATFORMS SUCH AS LINKEDIN

ACCELERATE

Our next event will be an interactive Networking Skills workshop taking place on Saturday 22nd May!

Today, building a solid network in a professional environment is an essential skill. In this workshop, you will understand the value and power of networking, and gain practical skills in expanding your network. You will also learn how to effortlessly make contact with others, build and maintain long-term relationships with working professionals and how to successfully promote yourself, both in-person and on social media platforms such as LinkedIn.

This event will be open to all students and graduates!

Make sure to register for the workshop [here!](#)

FEEDBACK

We want to hear from you!

We would love to gain some feedback on how you are finding our monthly newsletters and events, and what other topics you'd like us to include.

As we create our monthly newsletters to add value to our members, we want to ensure that you are able to benefit from the content so it'd be great if you could fill out our mini feedback form by clicking [here](#).



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