

Introduction to and management of work practise period vacancies in the Internet



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About an introduction-to-working-life period

- Part of Finnish comprehensive school curriculum. The aim is that the pupil must be able to gain personal experience with working life and vocations in genuine work environments.
- A central part of the cooperation between the local labour market, business community and comprehensive school.
- Periods are to be organized for the pupils as a basis for their educational and occupational choices, and to enhance their respect for work.



Project background

- An introduction-to-working-life-period-market (TET-tori) is a research and development project coordinated by the Institute for Educational Research, University of Jyväskylä.
- Part of a regional programme of the Regional Council of Central Finland
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Aims

- 1) Find out the practices that would make it possible to integrate the use of information technology (ICT) as a natural aspect of study counselling
- 2) Find out whether the introduction-to-working-life period experiences have effect when students plan their further education
- 3) Create and maintain a web-based environment (the "TET-market") by collaborating with teachers and educational establishments



Method

- design an experiment involving both the **process of designing a web-based environment** - the TET-market - and **an empirical study**, where data is **collected using action research methods** and then analysed
- Findings and conclusions serve as a basis for further design work (Cobb, Confrey, diSessa, Lehrer & Schauble, 2003).





Students

- information about the work practise vacancies
- information about different occupations and local companies
- information about the initial vocational study programmes in upper secondary



Companies

- chance to introduce to schools
- informs about the work practise vacancies
- can easily maintain and update own information
- material for the periods
- foster the co-operation with schools



Study counsellors

- info about work practise vacancies
- material for the periods
- motivates to collaborate



Parents

- basic information about the work practise period
- information about the initial vocational study programmes in upper secondary



TET-market

- <http://peda.net/tet>



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