10. How are we preparing students for digital workplaces?

» In their course, students use professional tools and encounter digital practices relevant to their subject and/or chosen profession/vocation
» Students receive guidance on professional networking and on finding and applying for jobs online
» e-Portfolio system(s) allow students to curate and showcase their learning achievements
» Students can also evidence digital activities and skills outside of the curriculum, e.g. through open badges, skills modules, or a graduate award scheme
» Students build a professional profile or portfolio that they can take on with them into future education, employment etc
» The curriculum encourages students to develop an online digital identity, contribute to open resources and to share digital artefacts in public spaces
» Digital technology is used to support learners on placements and in work-based learning
» Employers are engaged in the digital curriculum as appropriate: e.g. offering internships, sponsoring digital awards, providing online masterclasses and guest lectures
Benefits:

Second year student: ‘At the end of the module I had something I could show my family and friends that I’d helped to produce and it was on a real academic website. I’ve put it onto my LinkedIn profile – it should make me stand out.’

Careers adviser: ‘The digital branding competition has given us a new way of working with local employers, so our students get a chance to be tested in a real commercial environment and employers get to see what our digital natives can do for their company.’

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