**YEAR 4 Employability Resource 2**

**Getting the job**

***Graduate case studies***

Having got as far as selling yourself to an employer via your CV or job application and being offered an interview this is your chance to elaboate on the evidence you have included in your written evidence of suitability for the job. Your Year Abroad is by no means your only selling point for the job but as your USP it could have a strong part to play.

Have a look at these case studies from students who have worked or studied abroad and their reflections on how this has helped in their future careers

<http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/graduates.html>

***Interviews***

And if you are still abroad (or your potential employer is abroad) you might find yourself being interviewed on skype or over the phone. There are a number of pitfalls associated with this but the following might help.

<http://www.realie.org/files/2012/08/Skype-and-Telephone1.pdf>

***Going it alone***

Many students find during their year abroad that they have a talent for enterprise and you may have returned with contacts, skills and ideas which you can turn into your own business or service.

You will have just been looking at the thirdyearabroad.com website which was created by a third year student while on her year abroad and has led to a wide range of career options for its creator, Lizzie Fane. Read her story at:

<http://lizziefane.wordpress.com/>

<http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/about-tya.html>

**ACTIVITY**

**Checklist**

To make sure you are ready look back over your last 4 years at university and at the employability tasks for each year and check you have everything in place for your future career:

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| Records of work and study experience |  |
| Notes and reflections on the YA experience |  |
| Self-evaluation of employability skills |  |
| Evidence to support employability skills |  |
| A set of STARs |  |
| An updated CV |  |
| An online profile |  |
| Some interview techniques for remote interviews |  |