Almond Vocational Link Ltd is an independent, non-profit making company that operates across the South West of England, with the Head Office based in the vibrant city of Plymouth. The company was formed as a result of our experience with students from all over Europe for the past twenty years. Over the past 7 years, we have had substantial success in working with European Commission’s Lifelong Learning programmes in mobility for people in the labour market (PML) as well as for those in initial vocational training (IVT). We have successfully undertaken and co-ordinated partnership projects like Grundtvig, that supports non-vocational training for adult education. In 2012 we were also awarded with another partnership project called a Transversal that will run for a period of 2 years. Montessori Methodology in Language Training project focuses on implementing Montessori methods into adult language training.
At Almond Vocational Link Ltd, we are experienced in organising unpaid work placements and unpaid internships in the South West in the vocation of your choice. We work with many professional companies in order to obtain quality work placements. In order for students to benefit from the experience in the United Kingdom, it is essential that their level of English is of a high standard. They will be expected to be able to understand others and speak reasonably good English.

We have provided hundreds of work placements for Erasmus and mobility students in the United Kingdom in a variety of sectors with professional companies. We arrange students work placements in areas such as:

✓ Accounting
✓ Administration
✓ Banking
✓ Communications
✓ Environmental studies
✓ Healthcare
✓ Hotel, Catering and Hospitality
✓ Information Technology and Web Design
✓ Marketing
✓ Tourism

"With each student I try to spend some time getting to know them, where they work, what they do and something about their aspirations and expectations ".
Malcolm, Plymouth, MH Associates & Solutions

"I had a really good time and Almond Vocational Link Ltd. did a really great job".
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In recent years, we have gained a vast amount of valuable experience in dealing with large scale, EU supported educational programmes. We have worked with partners from across Europe and actively participate in projects that help to educate, integrate and give access to gain new skills and widen horizons of our participants.

**Erasmus**
**Leonardo da Vinci Mobility**
**Leonardo da Vinci Partnership**
**Citizenship Programme**
**VETPRO**
**Transversal**
**Grundtvig**
**Erasmus+**

All of the above programmes are a part of the European Union’s Lifelong Learning Programme. Our company strongly believes in working closely with other European Partners towards improving and developing educational methods, influencing others to remain in education and gain knowledge through new experiences. These projects improve integration, develop and implement innovative teaching methods, break language barriers and give others a great chance to explore new opportunities, gain new skills and qualifications. Almond Vocational Link strongly believes in the objectives promoted by these programmes and with many years of experience and dedication in supporting those, we are proud of our achievements.
STAFF SENSE Project

"Increasing the quality of the STAFF responsible for the period of SEN Student’s vocational Education, STAFF SENSE". Almond Vocational Link was involved in this project alongside with other participating institutions from countries like Turkey, Germany, Spain, Poland, Italy, and Greece. This project was aimed at students with Special Educational Needs who wish to continue their education in a vocational high school to gain a profession and become independent in their adult lives.

English language training can be provided for all those undertaking a work placement or wishing to improve their English skills whilst visiting England.

General English lessons are of particular benefit before or during a work placement/internship as they provide a good foundation in the type of language encountered in a work situation. We would also recommend these lessons if your language skills are adequate, yet you feel your confidence would benefit from additional training. The teachers that we employ have extensive knowledge of teaching English as a second language (ESOL & EFL) and are flexible in adapting the language training to suit the requirements of the various members of the group.

At Almond Vocational Link we feel that there are great benefits to Group sessions enabling you to improve your ability to speak, listen, and extend your knowledge of vocabulary and grammar as well as your written and reading skills. We can also offer other courses related to specific areas such as European Languages and Business English, if required, and facilitate working towards qualifications in English such as Cambridge, TOEFL or IELTS.