

**Submission
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**VOLUNTEERING AND UNPAID WORK PLACEMENTS
AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN NSW**

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Partially Confidential

Hello,

Please find my submission as follows:

I spent a week of my life getting mail, cleaning out vases, photocopying, arranging enormous bookshelves of magazine, and data entry. This was the week of my editorial internship at [REDACTED] magazine. I've had other internships, some of which actually have involved proof reading, fact checking, researching, editing, and writing, but my issue with all of them are the same. They get you in under the subtle representation you're going to get a job if you behave very well. When your time is up and you enquire, 'about that job...' the response is that it's a hard industry. Yeah, so hard that you can get a young person, often highly educated, to refill your coffee mug without paying a cent. It's like "Waiting for Godot", and now that I've actually seen the play I know not to sink more resources into undertaking internships.

Erin