

# YouGov Survey Results

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<b>Total</b>
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q1. Taking a constructive gap year involving independent travel, working or volunteering overseas is a worthwhile experience for young people.' : To what extent do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements?

<b>Base: All HR Professionals</b>	251
Strongly agree	22%
Agree	51%
Neither agree nor disagree	20%
Disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	1%
Net: Agree	73%
Net: Disagree	7%

q2. I would be more likely to employ a graduate who had constructive gap year experience involving independent travel, working or volunteering overseas than one who did not.' : To what extent do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements?

<b>Base: All HR Professionals</b>	251
Strongly agree	10%
Agree	36%
Neither agree nor disagree	30%
Disagree	20%
Strongly disagree	4%
Net: Agree	46%
Net: Disagree	24%

q3. For a job-seeker, relevant work experience is more valuable than an average non-vocational degree.' : To what extent do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements?

<b>Base: All HR Professionals</b>	251
Strongly agree	27%
Agree	58%
Neither agree nor disagree	9%
Disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	1%

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Net: Agree	85%
Net: Disagree	6%

**q4. A constructive gap year spent volunteering or gaining work experience overseas makes a job application stand out. : To what extent do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements?**

<b>Base: All HR Professionals</b>	251
Strongly agree	10%
Agree	53%
Neither agree nor disagree	22%
Disagree	11%
Strongly disagree	3%
Net: Agree	63%
Net: Disagree	14%

**q5. Young people who take constructive gap years involving independent travel, working or volunteering overseas before going to university tend to get better value out of their subsequent education.' : To what extent do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements?**

<b>Base: All HR Professionals</b>	251
Strongly agree	10%
Agree	42%
Neither agree nor disagree	35%
Disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	3%
Net: Agree	51%
Net: Disagree	13%

**q6. Graduates who have taken gap years involving independent travel, working or volunteering overseas are likely to move up an organisation more swiftly than those who have not. ' : To what extent do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements?**

<b>Base: All HR Professionals</b>	251
Strongly agree	3%
Agree	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	51%
Disagree	20%
Strongly disagree	3%
Net: Agree	27%
Net: Disagree	22%

**q7. Recruits who've taken a constructive gap year involving independent travel, working or volunteering overseas generally appear more settled in their career choice. ' : To what extent do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements?**

<b>Base: All HR Professionals</b>	251
Strongly agree	3%
Agree	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	52%
Disagree	15%
Strongly disagree	3%

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Net: Agree	29%
Net: Disagree	18%

**q8. Given a number of equally well-qualified applicants, I would generally favour those with constructive gap year experience over those without. : To what extent do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements?**

<b>Base: All HR Professionals</b>	<b>251</b>
Strongly agree	10%
Agree	34%
Neither agree nor disagree	33%
Disagree	18%
Strongly disagree	5%
Net: Agree	44%
Net: Disagree	23%

**q9. A gap year adds absolutely no value when applying for a job. : To what extent do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements?**

<b>Base: All HR Professionals</b>	<b>251</b>
Strongly agree	6%
Agree	16%
Neither agree nor disagree	27%
Disagree	39%
Strongly disagree	12%
Net: Agree	22%
Net: Disagree	51%