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# Social Mobility Foundation

## Ropewalk Chambers

### Update 2014

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## **Ropewalk Chambers Update 2014**

In 2014, Ropewalk Chambers supported a student on the Social Mobility Foundation's Aspiring Professionals Programme. After undertaking a work placement in October, the student completed the SMF's internship evaluation survey. Below are some statistics, quotes and suggestions from the student.

### **Statistics**

The student stated that the internship had increased his desire to enter the profession and that he would like to work at Ropewalk Chambers in particular, in the future.

The student felt that the internship had helped him to complete his personal statement, increased his ability to decide which course to study at university and enabled him to decide which universities to apply to. He also told us that, in terms of soft skills, his body language and networking skills improved as a direct result of his placement at Ropewalk Chambers.

Prior to his internship, the student thought that the profession was dominated by those who attended private schools, have wealthy families, and who are male, posh, upper class and white. Now that he has completed the placement at Ropewalk Chambers, he describes the profession as being dominated by 'hard workers'.

### **Suggestions**

The student said that the placement exceeded his expectations, and suggests only that: 'The experience could have been longer. I learnt so much in three days but I feel like I could have absorbed so much more if I had been given the chance. That is not to say I am not grateful.'

### **Testimonials**

'If David Wood had not been as inviting as he was, then I would not have settled into the experience and would have learnt nothing from the next three days. I also feel that Nick Arora went out of his way to provide me with information pertaining to higher education. He continues to do so today, and that is something for which I am very grateful.'

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