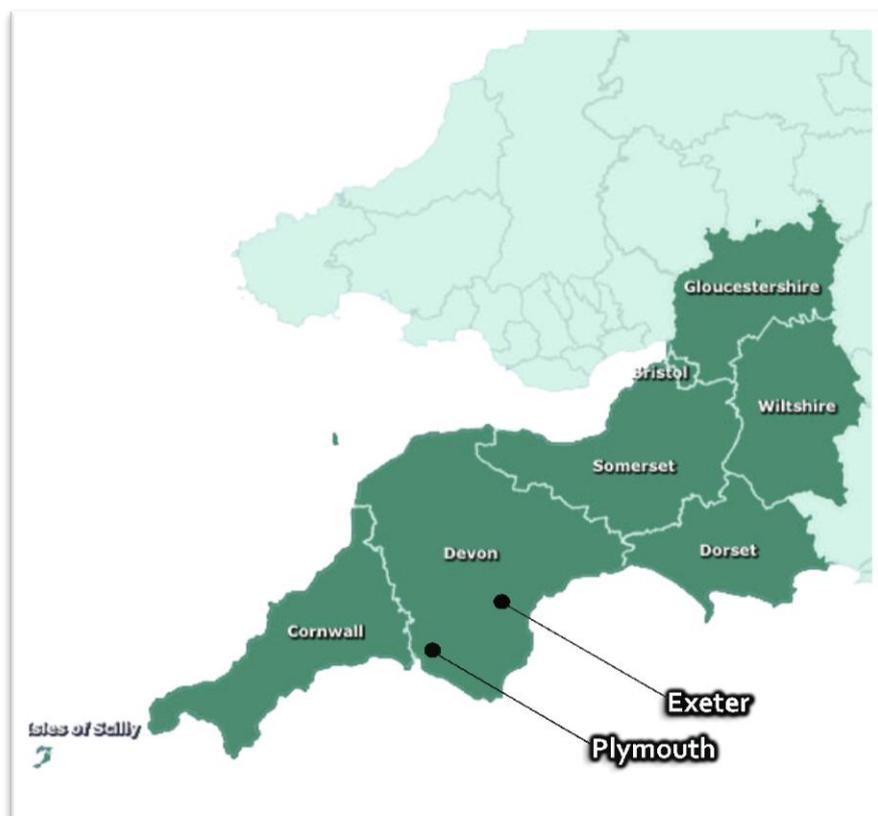




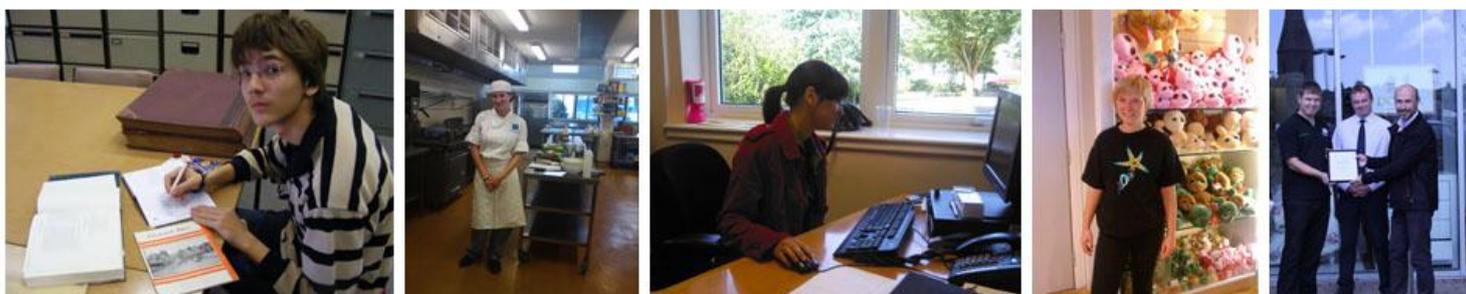
**Almond Vocational Link Ltd** is an independent, non-profit making company that operates across the South West of England, with the Head Office based in the vibrant city of Plymouth. The company was formed as a result of our experience with students from all over Europe for the past twenty years. Over 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 Gruntvig, that supports non-vocational adults' education. A few months ago, we were also awarded with another partnership project 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” .***

Bronislav, trainee web designer from Ostrava, Czech Republic

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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.

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## STAFF SENSE LdV Mobility 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. Staff Sense 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.

## Vetpro LdV Mobility Project

European Union Countries Experience of Vocational Practical training planning by educating qualified workers for hotel, restaurant, and public catering enterprise. Almond Vocational Link hosted 8 guests from Lithuania, representatives of the catering industry and Chamber of Commerce in November 2011. The focus of the programme was to provide an insight of the UK catering Industry and Training of the Hospitality staff.

## P.I.T.A.G.O.R.A Grundtvig Project

Almond Vocational Link was responsible for coordination of this project. Potentiate Integration and Task for Adult learners giving them Opportunities for Relations All over Europe The PIT-GOR project aims at promoting education, cooperation, interchange and the mobility of disadvantage adult group (immigrants, ethnic minorities, etc. ) coming from European areas at risk regarding social exclusion, focusing on maths as a skill needed to be potentate. This project was focused around adult learners, teachers, trainers and education staff

## MMLT (Montessori Methodology in Language Training)

MMLT is another project funded by European Commission’s Lifelong Learning Programme that Almond Vocational Link is proud to be part of. In this project, we focus on the already successful Montessori teaching methods and exploring the ways to implement these in adult language training. This project involves working with partners from Hungary, Greece, Italy, Poland and Romania.

## “Europe for Citizens” Programme

Europe for Citizens is aimed at ethnic minorities, promoting debate and reflection on existing policies in Europe, specifically European Strategy 2020, bringing them closer to the objectives and guidelines, strengthening active citizenship in their community. One of the objectives of this programme was to enhance tolerance and mutual understanding between European citizens and give the participants opportunity to interact and help constructing a tighter-knit Europe, united and enriched by its cultural diversity.

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## We provide the following services:

- ✓ Work placements with professional companies in your chosen area prior to your entry to the U.K
- ✓ Host family accommodation (full board or half board)
- ✓ Self-catering accommodation
- ✓ English language training courses in small groups with fully qualified teachers
- ✓ One-to-one monitoring and mentoring on a weekly basis at a pre arranged appointment time
- ✓ Help in obtaining a local travel pass
- ✓ Orientation meeting and tour of Plymouth on first working day after arrival
- ✓ Weekly social event arranged
- ✓ Cultural trips arranged
- ✓ Transfers from airports and ports organised on request
- ✓ 24/7 welfare support
- ✓ Final certification and Europass
- ✓ Bespoke training courses arranged for Vet professionals.



*“Thank you Janet that you show us **The National Marine Aquarium and Eden Project**. We all had great time and nice memories”. Krisztian, Hungary*

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## Testimonials from partners:

*"The students are really happy with the companies, the accommodation and the experience. You will have more students from Tenerife the next year not only from my school, I have recommended your company to others schools"*

Hector, Tenerife

*"Janet has a very personal way of running her business which, along with an impressive network of contacts in the Plymouth area, makes Almond the right choice if you are looking for an internship."*

Vasco Corisco, Escola Profissional Val do Rio, Portugal

*"Janet's patient, friendly and helpful approach helped our students get over the problems that arose during their long stay far from their home country"*

Pavel Kluh, Erasmus co-ordinator, VOS, SPS a OA Caslav, Czech Republic



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