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### News updates

#### John Lewis Partnership pledges 1,000 more roles for care-experienced young people by 2030



The John Lewis Partnership has pledged to offer 1,000 more roles to young people who have been in care as it steps up efforts to support disadvantaged jobseekers. The owner of John Lewis and Waitrose said the commitment, which will be delivered by 2030, more than doubles its previous target under its Building Happier Futures programme. The move will take the total number of roles offered through the initiative to at least 250 a year. It comes amid growing concern over youth unemployment, with more than a million young people in the UK not in employment, education or training, while recent official figures showed youth unemployment had reached an 11-year high.

#### Young People and Work: Interim Report - updated 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026



Nearly one million young people aged 16 to 24 in the United Kingdom are not in education, employment or training. One in 8 young people - and rising. Behind the statistics lie individual lives: aspirations thwarted, opportunities lost, futures placed on hold. Read the full interim report here: [Young people and work: interim report - GOV.UK](#).

#### Careers guidance and access for education and training providers - updated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026



The, [Department for Education - GOV.UK](#) has published updated statutory guidance: Careers guidance and access for education and training providers. The updates highlight the role careers education plays in delivering the Government's ambitions for opportunity, skills and economic growth. Read the full report here: [Careers guidance and access for education and training providers - GOV.UK](#).

## Royal Mail launch £1M Apprenticeship levy fund to help businesses develop green skills



Royal Mail have launched a £1 million apprenticeship levy fund to help businesses develop the green skills necessary to benefit from and support the growth of a low carbon economy. The funding can be used for a wide range of Government-approved green skills apprenticeships. The initiative will help close the growing gap between the roles needed to support the UK's transition and the availability of people with the skills needed to fill them. Opportunities range from tradespeople training to fit solar panels or heat pumps or to install electric van charging infrastructure, to professionals taking on degree apprenticeships such as environmental practitioner or sustainability business specialist. Find out more and apply [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

### ERIC Creative Careers Week 2<sup>nd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> November 2026



ERIC's flagship week. Five days covering the breadth of creative careers! Discover the different roles and opportunities available to you. Find out more: [ERIC | Creative Career App](#).

### 2026 National Apprenticeship Week – 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> February 2027



National Apprenticeship Week 2027 will take place from **Monday, 8 February to Sunday, 14 February 2027**. Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the nationwide event unites employers, apprentices, and training providers to highlight the positive impacts of apprenticeships on careers and the wider economy. Find out more: [National Apprenticeship Week 2027, 8 – 14 February 2027](#).

### SEND Support for T Levels Webinar by The Career Development Institute: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026 AT 4pm



In this webinar, the CDI will discuss how recent reforms to T Levels and flexibilities around placements will help ensure that this qualification becomes more accessible to a wider range of students. In a case study approach, hear from a student, his college placement co-ordinator and employer (placement provider) to explore how they worked together to create an engaging placement. Learn about challenges faced and adjustments made to ensure the placement worked for all involved. Register for the webinar here: [SEND support for T Levels: A case study - Career Development Institute](#).

### WEX Tech Week – Tech She Can: Week Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026



Registrations for the WEX Tech Week virtual work experience for KS3 are now open. The events take place W/C 13th July. You will need you to register for each day you plan to attend via the individual Teams webinar. All registration links can also be found on our website: [WEX Tech Week - TechSheCan](#).

### Online Insight Session – Careers in the RAF



Interested in finding out more about becoming an HR People Specialist in the RAF? Come along to this 1 hour, free, online 'Insight session' with the [Royal Air Force](#) hosted by [GetMyFirstJob](#). on Tuesday 11th Aug at 6pm. Apply here: [here](#).

## Recommended Websites & Resources

### DFN Project Search – The Impact of Supported Internships



This video, produced by DFN Project SEARCH, shares the voices and experiences of the young people talking about their experiences of Supported Internships. You can watch the video here: [The Impact of Supported Internships](#). If you'd like to find out more about supported internships you can do so here: [Contact Us | DFN Project SEARCH](#).

### The BBC and Me – Online work Experience



This Virtual Work Experience programme offered by the BBC in partnership with Springpod, will give you real-world insight into what life is like at the BBC and a great understanding of the diverse range of career opportunities available. Whether you're interested in Business, Data, Digital, Technology, Engineering and Operations, Journalism or Production, there's a place for you and this programme will help you find the path that best fits your talents, skills and goals! Access the programme here: [The BBC and Me: What the BBC Does and the Career Opportunities on Offer | Springpod](#).

### A Sensory Regulation Guide – The Neurodiversity Practice



In this workbook by The Neurodiversity Practice you can learn how to use your eight senses to regulate yourself. Learn about each sensory domain and consider how to use different strategies to increase or decrease your arousal levels. The workbook costs £4.99 and can be purchased here: [Grounded: A Sensory Regulation Guide – The Neurodiversity Practice](#).

### Youth Employment UK Resources (short courses, virtual work experiences and careers inspiration)



**Youth Employment UK** has a huge array of short course, virtual work experiences and careers inspiration to help young people 11-24 to build their skills, knowledge and confidence and learn about the world of work. Access the resources here: [Free Online Skills And Careers Courses - Youth Employment UK](#) or careers advice resources here: [Careers Advice for Young Adults | Youth Employment UK](#). There are also resources for teachers and careers advisers: [Free Career Guidance Tools for Teachers and Educators](#).

### Explore roles in the NHS



If you are considering a career in Healthcare, why not visit: [Explore roles | Health Careers](#). Whether you're still in education or thinking about changing careers, you'll get the information you need. You'll also find real-life stories and films of NHS staff and students. You can also use the NHS [compare roles tool](#) to compare bite-sized information on the skills and qualifications for a role, pay and conditions and where a role can take you in the future. If you're not sure where to start, try the [Find your Career](#) quiz and discover the NHS careers that match your interests.

### Ambitious about Autism launch NEW Autism and Employment Guides



Finding a job or settling into a new role can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to navigate it alone. Ambitious about Autism has launched a three-part series of guides designed to develop your skills and confidence and empower you to advocate for your needs at every stage of your career journey. Access the resources here: [Autism and employment guides | Navigating the workplace](#).

## Apprenticeship, Internship & Job Opportunities

### Payroll Apprentice Opportunity at Marie Curie



Marie Curie are seeking a Payroll Apprentice to join their team. This is a remote working role, with attendance at the London office (no more than once a month). You can find out more and apply here: [Marie Curie Payroll Apprentice | SmartRecruiters](#).

### Various Apprenticeship Opportunities at United Infrastructure



Are you looking to be part of an exciting journey within an evolving business? Want to learn something new, every single day? Then maybe an apprenticeship with United Infrastructure is for you. They have various opportunities available in Quantity Surveying, Overhead Line, Welding, Customer Service and Administration. You can find out more and apply here: [Search for Jobs](#).

### Access Student Jobs, Internships & Summer job vacancies in one place



Access all student job vacancies on the e4s site. Register your details and preferences and let the employers approach you based on your profile. Register and search vacancies here: [Student Jobs, Part Time Jobs, Temporary Jobs, Internships & Summer Jobs - E4S](#).

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### Ambitious about Autism Supported Internships



Are you an autistic young person looking to move into the workplace but need some extra support to do so? The Ambitious about Autism Supported Internships programme could be for you! You'll learn new skills, build confidence, and have opportunities to gain accredited and practical qualifications with support from our trained job coaches. The programme runs across six sites in London and Brighton. Find out more: [Supported internships for autistic young people](#).

### Plymouth City Council open Work Experience Applications for Winter 2026



Plymouth City Council is pleased to announce the launch of its Winter Work Experience Programme, taking place from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026, designed to provide young people aged 14-17 with a meaningful and engaging experience of working within local government. They are particularly keen to encourage applications from young people who may benefit from additional support and career development opportunities. Closing date: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2026. Application link: [Plymouth City Council Winter Work Experience \(November 2026\): Application Form](#).

### Cornwall NHS Supported Internship Programme



Kick-Start Your Future with the Cornwall NHS Supported Internship Programme. If you are a young person with an EHCP and want to build confidence, gain real work experience, and move towards paid employment, the Cornwall NHS Supported Internship Programme could be the right next step. To find out more, or to explore whether this programme is right for you or someone you support, contact: [supportedinternships@unitedresponse.org.uk](mailto:supportedinternships@unitedresponse.org.uk)

## For Careers Leaders/Heads of Careers Department

### Linking Curriculum to Careers: Practical Approaches for every Subject – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 3.30pm



Join Bob Neame for a practical, subject-specific session on Gatsby Benchmark 4: Linking curriculum learning to careers. You'll leave with realistic strategies and ready-to-adapt examples that help students see the purpose of what they're learning, without adding unsustainable workload. [Linking Curriculum to Careers: Practical Approaches for Every Subject \(Gatsby Benchmark 4\)](#).

### A Trauma-Informed Approach to Careers Guidance – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 4pm



Drawing on real-world experience, the session will share practical strategies and reflections on one career development professional's experience of adopting a trauma-informed approach to practice. Attendees will gain insight into how trauma can impact client engagement in careers activities, particularly when working with young people, but the content could easily be adapted to work with adults. The session aims to inspire careers professionals to reflect on their own practice, and identify achievable ways to integrate trauma-informed principles into their everyday work. [A trauma-informed approach to career guidance - Career Development Institute](#).

## Get in touch

### FutureSmart Essentials for schools



FutureSmart Careers offers a range of well-loved packages for schools but can also tailor a plan to fit schools' needs exactly. Our FutureSmart Essentials package includes:

- Suite of downloadable resources
- 9-5 careers advice helpline
- Monthly newsletters with news, events and opportunities

### Contact us



For all other enquiries, please contact our team at [enquiries@futuresmartcareers.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@futuresmartcareers.co.uk) or give us a call on Tel: 0330 311 9509

We'd love to hear from you!

## Bespoke careers advice services

- 1:1 Careers advice & guidance
- Workshops, talks & assemblies
- Group sessions
- Parents evenings & options events
- Careers Fairs
- Mock Interviews
- Morrisby assessments
- Specialist SEND provision
- Access to Helpline Service
- Monthly newsletters
- FutureSmart Essentials



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