

Opportunities & Weblinks

Jobs & Careers

Start Profile

www.startprofile.com

A free national website that covers all the stages of career planning - explore your skills & interests, see suggested careers and find relevant courses, apprenticeships and jobs close to where you live.

Prospects

www.prospects.ac.uk/planner

Match your skills, motivations and desires to careers.

National Careers Website

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

This site includes a range of job profiles, employability tools and careers advice.

Apprenticeships

www.getingofar.gov.uk

www.kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Earn while you learn with an apprenticeship.

Inspira (Cumbria)

www.inspira.org.uk/ 01539 730045

Formerly Connexions, Inspira offers independent advice and guidance to young people & adults.

YPS (Lancashire)

www.lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone.aspx

Careers advice & support for young people.

Self-Employment

www.greatbusiness.gov.uk

www.gov.uk/starting-up-a-business

www.fsb.org.uk (*Federation of Small Businesses*)

www.cumbriachamber.co.uk (*Cumbria*)

www.investinsouthlakeland.co.uk/business-support (*South Lakes*)

www.wnychamber.co.uk (*North Yorkshire*)

www.lancschamber.co.uk (*Lancashire*)

Contact employers directly

For jobs & volunteering opportunities

70% of opportunities are *not* advertised!

Speak to someone in person if you can. Give them your CV & a covering letter, explaining your relevant skills & why you'd like to work for them.

Work Experience through Volunteering

Volunteering

www.do-it.org

A national search engine.

Cumbria Volunteering

www.cumbriacvs.org.uk

Matching you with opportunities in Cumbria.

Lancashire Volunteering

www.lancastercvs.org.uk

Matching you with opportunities in Lancashire.

University

General

www.direct.gov.uk

Information on how to apply & student finance.

Applications

www.ucas.com

The organisation that processes applications, it also includes a course search, useful videos and budgeting tools.

Courses

There are full-time and part-time courses run by libraries, colleges, schools. Online courses:

www.coursera.org

www.edx.org

Gap Years & Work Abroad

Gap Years

www.yearoutgroup.org

Paid Work Abroad

www.gapwork.com

Useful all-round websites:

www.themix.org.uk

www.big-careers.co.uk

Money:

www.moneyadvice.service.org.uk

www.thepiggybank.org.uk