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OPPORTUNITY FINDER

QUICK START GUIDE



Youth Employment UK are the expert voice on youth employment, and offer free skills and careers resources for 11 - 30 year olds.

This comprehensive set of resources helps young people:

- Explore themselves and the support available wherever they are on their journey
- Develop an understanding of their skills and knowledge through a range of self reflection and evaluation tasks
- Learn about the workplace, how to find attractive jobs and be successful once they are in them





WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY FINDER?

[Youth Employment UK's Opportunity Finder](#) connects young people with opportunities from our youth friendly employers.

Opportunities include:

- Job vacancies
- Qualifications and training opportunities (e.g. apprenticeships, internships)
- Work experience and volunteering opportunities
- Events and workshops
- Mentoring opportunities
- Careers inspiration

WHAT IS A YOUTH FRIENDLY EMPLOYER?

[Youth Friendly Employers](#) are organisations who put young people at the heart of everything they do.

They offer opportunities such as apprenticeships, training, support, and real career development.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

A young person will need access to a device and the internet, and can visit the Opportunity Finder via our website.

Here, they can explore the various opportunities available to them. Filtering options include job opportunities and events, proximity and location, job type, contract type and industry.



MEETING CAREERS EXPECTATIONS AND BENCHMARKS

Our Opportunity Finder supports the Gatsby Benchmarks, including Learning from Career and Labour Market Information, Encounters with Employers and Employees, Experiences of Workplaces, and Encounters with Higher and Further Education.

WHAT IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY?

Employers will include details about the opportunity, including information about the role, the skills they are looking for, and application details.

Young people can apply directly by clicking the “Apply Now” button.

USING THE OPPORTUNITY FINDER IN AN EDUCATION SETTING

1. In the classroom or group activities

Young people can be assigned time to use the Opportunity Finder during directed learning time. Some schools choose to use this time during PSHE, form time, or have a specified time in the timetable for careers education.

Activity ideas:

- Find 3 opportunities that interest you
- Analyse a job description/application details
- Write a personal statement for an opportunity of interest

2. Independent learning

Our Opportunity Finder can be accessed in any setting, and young people are able to access it independently to explore and find opportunities that may be of interest to them.

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