

Youth Training and Employment Opportunities

Whether you have recently found out that you're expecting or have already started your family you may have thought about gaining employment. Balancing parenthood with employment isn't always easy but it's definitely possible. Your experience as a Peer Educator with us is the first step towards finding your dream job.

Before you start your search, consider the following questions;

- 1) Where would I like to be in 5 years time?
- 2) Where would I like to be in 6 months time?
- 3) What do I value from life? What jobs align with my values?
- 4) What skills do I need to develop to stand out from the competition?
- 5) Can and should I go back to education?

Many young people have a clear idea of their career path whether that be teaching, engineering or hair or beauty. However, equal amounts of us have absolutely no idea and this is fine! Why not start by taking a career test. This will give you insight into the following:

- Your personality traits
- Career relevant traits
- Possible career paths

This is an excellent way of ascertaining what type of employment would suit your personality and skill set. Remember you will be working until you are at least 65, so make sure you are in a job that you love!

Now it comes down to the nitty gritty! What support is out there to achieve your career goals?

Straight Talking Peer Education

It goes without saying but we exist solely to support teenage parents meaning we can offer you tailored support. We understand the trials and triumphs over young parenthood and how this can impact your life in ways that others simply don't understand.

We are here to listen, advise and offer support, whether that be assisting you with a job application, interview practise or just to have someone to vent to!

The Princes Trust

The Princes Trust provide support to unemployed youth under the age of 25. They offer three streamlined programmes, as follows:

Starting a business

- Short enterprise course (taught)
- Enterprise course (online)

Getting a job

- CV top tips
- Career planning
- Interview tips
- Work placements



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Confidence Building

- Fair bridge Access Course (Five Day)

Search for more Princes Trust opportunities near you [here](#)....

Your benefits may not be affected if you take up work experience with The Princes Trust. Thousands of the young people they work with are still claiming benefits. However, they advise to speak with your individual Job Seekers Advise. Princes Trust have a specific email for dealing with sensitive questions such as these, so please get in contact with them views@princes-trust.org.uk.

Youth Employment UK

Do you want to campaign for change for access to employment for young parents. Why represent your peers and get involved with Youth Employment UK. Youth Employment UK are a lobbying and campaigning charity aiming to put youth employment on the parliamentary agenda.



You can find out more on how to get involved [here](#)

UK Government Youth Employment Schemes

The UK Government run a number of imitative to get young people into paid employment post 16 years. If you decide not to continue your education there are a range of options available.



The National Apprenticeship Service

If you have a specific sector or career in mind then this is an ideal avenue for getting paid whilst you learn. You also have a good chance of getting employment at the end of the scheme.

It won't be like a real job where you have a permanent contract, get paid a salary and are entitled to holidays and sick leave. Over 121,000 under 19 year olds started apprenticeships last year, and on average, there are up to 27,000 vacancies online at any one time.

There are over 1,500 different types of jobs you can do an apprenticeship in across 170 different industries, from law to graphic design, advertising to electric vehicle engineering..

The minimum you can earn if you are under 19 years old is £3.90 per hour which works out as £144.30 for a 37 hour week of work and training.

When you are over 19 and past your first year of your apprenticeship the rates of pay are higher- [check what that is here](#).

In 2016, the average pay for a Level 2 or 3 apprenticeship (equivalent to GCSEs and A-levels) – was much higher at nearly £7 an hour, because some employers pay above the basis rate.

Vocational Qualifications

Many school sixth forms offer a range of vocational courses like Applied General Qualifications, and Cambridge Technical qualifications. Further Education Colleges offer a large range of vocational courses at all levels. By applying learning to real-life situations, these qualifications offer a more practical approach than traditional A-Level academic courses related to a broad employment area such as business, engineering, IT, health and social care. Previously called BTECs and OCR Cambridge Nationals, if they are at Level 3 these are now called [Applied Vocational Qualifications](#). These courses are offered in schools and colleges.

General Paid Employment

Most recruiters search on LinkedIn to find candidates so make sure your LinkedIn is up to date and accurate. If your skills are in demand, recruiters may approach you. Engage with them and find out what opportunities they are offering. Even if they do not have anything of interest now, they may do in the future.

You can also use the following popular search engines;

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/job-vacancy>

<https://www.monster.co.uk/>

<https://www.jobsite.co.uk/>

<https://www.totaljobs.com/>

<https://www.fish4.co.uk/>

<https://www.indeed.co.uk/>

<https://www.charityjob.co.uk/>

