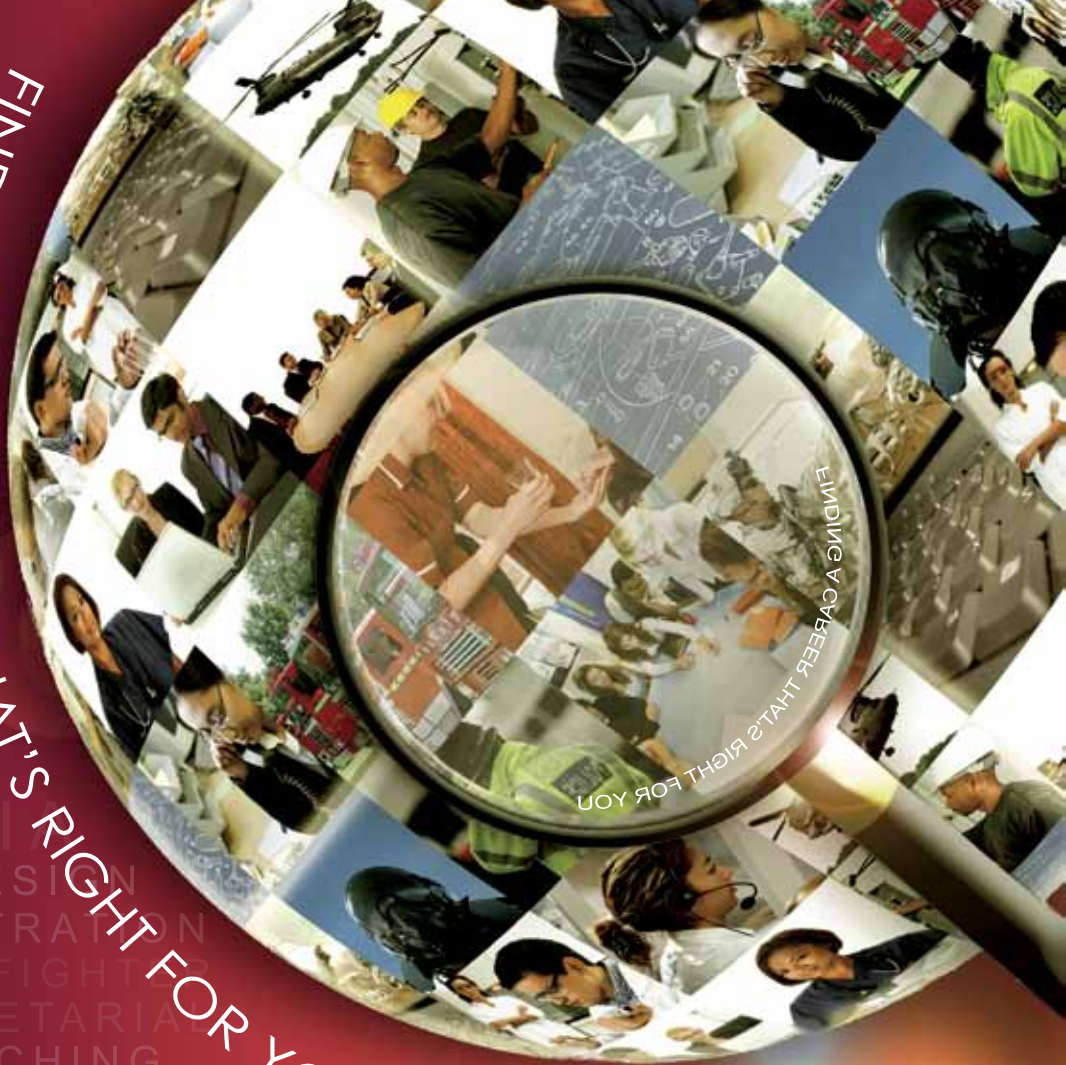


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EXPLORING TYPES OF CAREERS

Once you've got an idea of areas you might want to work in, the next step is to check out some career profiles. These will give you information about the opportunities available in a particular line of work - and what skills and qualifications you're likely to need. You can also get information about careers in particular industries from Sector Skills Councils. Find the council for the industry you're interested in through the Alliance of Sector Skills Councils.

HELP WITH CAREER PLANNING

Talking to a careers adviser may help you focus on what you are looking for from a career - and work out how to get where you want to be.

CAREERS ADVICE BY PHONE OR EMAIL

Call learndirect Careers Advice on 0800 100 900. You can also book a free call back from an adviser, or send a question by email.

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WHAT TYPE OF CAREER WOULD SUIT YOU?

A good way to start your planning is to think about what motivates you as a person. Make a list of activities you've enjoyed - both inside and outside school, college or work. What was it about them you liked?



There are no right or wrong answers – but, for example, you might find that you enjoyed:

- getting to know more about a particular subject
- solving challenging problems
- working as part of a team
- meeting new people

Once you've got a clear idea of your interests, the next step is to start looking for a career that matches up with them.

Connexions Direct's Jobs4U database has information on a huge range of careers, organised into 'job families'.

PLANNING YOUR CAREER

Finding a rewarding career is important to most people - and it takes a little planning.

There's always room to change your mind, but having a plan will:

- make sure you're aware of all the routes into your dream career
- help you avoid ending up in a job you don't like
- make sure you know what you need to do at different stages in your life

There's plenty to consider before you're ready to put your plans into action – including how to get the skills and qualifications you'll need.

HELP PLANNING YOUR CAREER

Advice is vital to give you the best possible chance of getting into the career you want.

ADVICE THROUGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

Teachers and lecturers will have a good idea of what you can do with the subjects you're studying. But they only see what you're like at school or college, and this might not be the whole story. For example, you may be quiet in the classroom but spend your spare time producing podcasts or working on hospital radio.

If this is the case, there's nothing to stop you pursuing a career in radio.

It's worth getting advice from other sources as well: *most schools and colleges offer careers lessons and/or a careers service.*



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IF YOU'RE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

You can get advice on your options after graduation from your university or college careers office, and there's plenty of information available through the Prospects service.

ADVICE FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS

It can be useful to get advice from the people who know you best, but they won't always know a lot about the career you're interested in.

Remember – it's your career. You know what you're good at and you know what you want to do. Don't be put off if your dream career means taking a different direction from friends and family.

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