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## **OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN**

### **EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING**

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Form Schools and Colleges

**South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS)**

Web: [Full and Part time Courses available at SGS College](#)

Tel: 01453 763424

### Advice:

- ❖ Check entry requirements for your course
- ❖ Discuss options with the 6<sup>th</sup> form / college if you do not get the required grades
- ❖ Contact them directly
- ❖ Gloucestershire County Council's 6<sup>th</sup> Form and post 16 Guidance:

[Schools sixth form admissions | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

### Cirencester College

Web: [16-19 Course Directory - Cirencester College](#)

Tel: 01285 640994

Email: [admissions@cirencester.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@cirencester.ac.uk)



### Hartpury College

Web: [Hartpury University and Hartpury College](#)

Tel: 01452 702244

Email: [admissions@hartpury.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@hartpury.ac.uk)



### Gloucestershire College

Web: [Courses And Apprenticeships | Gloucestershire College \(gloscol.ac.uk\)](#)

Tel: 0345 155 2020

Email: [applications@gloscol.ac.uk](mailto:applications@gloscol.ac.uk)



### Forest Sports Education

Web: [Courses | Forest Sports Education](#)

Email: [jordan.fishwick@vluk.org](mailto:jordan.fishwick@vluk.org)

### Stage Door Learning (Performing Arts)

Web: [Home Page \(vluk.org\)](#)

Email: [jenny@stagedoorlearning.org.uk](mailto:jenny@stagedoorlearning.org.uk)

### Cheltenham Town Football Academy

Web: [ctfc.com/teams/the-academy/](http://ctfc.com/teams/the-academy/) Tel: 01242 254444

**How to apply for  
college, watch  
here**

# Training and Study Programmes



## Bridge Training Study Programme

[Home - Bridge Training Ltd](#)

### Location:

Archdeacon Training  
Centre

Archdeacon Ct,  
Gloucester

GL1 2QX

### Email:

[hello@bridgetrainingltd.co.uk](mailto:hello@bridgetrainingltd.co.uk)

Tel: 01452 411112

- Hair Dressing (Entry Lv 3 & lvl 1- 2)
- Beauty (Entry Lv 3 & Lv 1 - 2)
- Photography (Entry Lvl 3 & lvl 1 - 2 & GCSE)
- Health and Social Care (Entry lvl 3 & Art and Design (GCSE)
- Maths and English GCSE
- Literacy & Numeracy Functional skills
- ESOL (English speaking, reading



[Apply for Bridge Training Here](#)

## Prospect Training Study Programme

[Prospect Training Services | Home \(prospect-training.org.uk\)](http://prospect-training.org.uk)

Location:

Gloucester

Email: [enquiries@prospect-training.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@prospect-training.org.uk)

Tel: 01452 300255

**THE  
MUSIC  
WORKS**

Gloucester

Kings House, 27 St  
Aldate Street,  
Gloucester, GL1 1RP

Tel: 01452 923950

Forrest of Dean

Sound Space, The  
Forest High, Cinderford,  
GL14 2AZ

Tel: 01594 825124

**Register interest:**

[info@themusicworks.org.uk](mailto:info@themusicworks.org.uk)

- **Work experience**

Career Planning, Job applications, Apprenticeships

- **Maths and English**

GCSE and Functional Skills

- **ESOL**

Reading, writing, speaking English

- **Illumin8**

Supports those young people with EHC Plans or support needs in a smaller group environment suitable for their development.

[sarahw@prospect-training.org.uk](mailto:sarahw@prospect-training.org.uk)

## The Music Works

<https://themusicworks.org.uk/make-music/>

### Music Social

- For signers, rappers, producers, beat makers and DJ's
- create, rehearse and record music
- Ages 16 – 25
- Professional recording studios
- Support from music leaders
- Gain knowledge of business side of the industry
- Every Monday 6pm – 8pm

### Pass the Mic

- Monday 5 – 6 pm
- Ages 16 - 25
- Develop confidence in live performances
- Improve skills
- Work with a Music Mentor
- For signers, rappers, producers, beat makers and DJ's

### Meet a Mentor

Opportunity for young people to meet with one of their music leaders for guidance in developing their music journey. The Music Works can offer work experience, volunteering and advice and guidance on musical careers.

## Spear Training

[Spear Programme - Resurgo](#)

Email: [hello@spearcheltenham.org.uk](mailto:hello@spearcheltenham.org.uk)

**Start Dates**  
**18th November**  
**20th January**

### **Location:**

Trinity House  
Trinity Lane  
Cheltenham  
GL52 2NT

### **Tel:**

01242 808780

### **Mobile:**

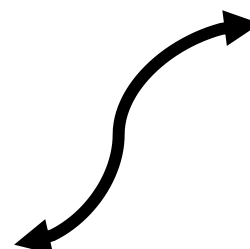
07546 738985

### **Email:**

[hello@spearcheltenham.org.uk](mailto:hello@spearcheltenham.org.uk)

- 4 week pre employment training for 16-24 year olds
- Focus on mindsets, confidence self esteem, motivations, communication skills, networking and professionalism.
- 6 month follow up support
- 1:1 sessions / group sessions
- Mock interviews with real employers
- CV and job application support and networking opportunities ; employability skills

**Sign up here**





## Commercial Foundations - No Limits

[Young Persons Hub](#) | [Commercial Foundation](#)

**Start Dates**

**12<sup>th</sup> January**

### Location:

Rockfield Business  
 Park  
 Cheltenham  
 GL53 0AN

This is an **8 week employability programme**, Monday to Thursday,  
 10am – 3pm

You will be in a real working environment which provides routine and  
 structure

#NoLimits will help you write a CV, Cover Letter, professional profile  
 which you will take away with you on a USB

They will and show you the best ways to job search

Tel: 01242 894 252  
 Mobile:

You will gain transferable skills such as communication, team work,  
 working o deadlines and targets

07736 377279

You will get weekly 1:1 meetings for mentoring and support

### Email:

[Kareta.bradbury@  
 commercialfound  
 ation.co.uk](mailto:Kareta.bradbury@commercialfoundation.co.uk)

[Fiona.clarke@com  
 mercialfoundation  
 s.co.uk](mailto:Fiona.clarke@commercialfoundation.co.uk)

They will provide you with interview clothes or other necessary items if  
 needed

### Structure

**Week 1** – Introduction

**Week 2** – World of Work – Where do you want to go next

**Week 3** – Presentation week – learn how to give confident  
 presentations and how to present yourself to employers

**Week 4** – Interview Skills – Mock interviews with real companies

**Week 5** – Health and Wellbeing in the workplace

**Week 6** – Life skills

**Week 7** – interview skills pt 2

**Week 8** – Moving forward

Bus fare will be  
 paid for

Breakfast and  
 lunch provided

## Military Preparation College for Training

Location: Gloucester

6 Rifles camp

Eastern Avenue

GL4 3BD

Email:

[help@learningcurvegroup.co.uk](mailto:help@learningcurvegroup.co.uk)

Tel: 0330 111 3939

Book:

**Induction days  
are every Friday.  
Book with the link  
below**

<https://mpct.co.uk/location/gloucester/>

Physical training makes  
up 50% of the course.

Weekly Military Training.

Monthly Careers  
sessions

The course is free and no  
entry requirements  
needed

The programme includes physical exercise and personal development.  
Building Team work and communication Skills as well as Maths and English  
and NVQ Level 2 in Preparation for Military

### The college cover modules such as:

- Leadership skills for the military
- Communication skills for the military
- Teamwork skills for the military
- Health and Safety
- Navigation/Field Craft skills
- Fitness for the military
- Understanding the industry

### This is an example of their day-to-day timetable:

#### Morning:

- Breakfast is supplied between 0830 – 0900.
- Classwork until lunchtime.
- Lunchtime: Allowed to go out for food/drink.

#### Afternoon:

- Physical Training Activities this can be anything from circuit training in a studio at the leisure centre (GL1) , swimming, boxing fitness etc.
- Team-building activities, such as carrying logs in groups (Log PT).

The college hold special careers days where Military, Navy, and Aircraft staff conduct mock interviews and presentations. There are occasional day visits/trips to military sites for career awareness and learners also get the chance to meet serving soldiers etc who come in occasionally to do career presentations and hear all about life in the forces. The college staff are all ex military too

## Creative Sustainability

Location:

Stroud

Fromehall Mill

Email:

[hello@cscic.org](mailto:hello@cscic.org)

Tel: 07869267242

Online referral

[Attendee sign-up -](#)

[Upshot](#)

Online

Email the address  
given or call

07869 267242

Location:

Stroud

Fromehall Mill

3-6pm Mon - Fri

Email:

[accessbike@cscic.  
org](mailto:accessbike@cscic.org)

Tel:

07482 104038

### 3rd Space Youth Programme

- space for young people 16 to 25
- build confidence and skills with opportunities to access resources, connections, support, advocacy, and representation, towards better mental, emotional, and physical health and wellbeing.
- Join in on Residentials and Camps, Outdoor activities and workshops, Social time to develop and maintain friendships, Learning, volunteering and work opportunities
- Use the kitchen, IT Room, Music room and Art room

### Monday Creative breaks @ Home sessions

Email - [helensmith@cscic.org](mailto:helensmith@cscic.org)

- Designed to help express yourself, and help with self care to benefit mental health and wellbeing in a creative way
- You'll be sent a free art kit
- Each week focuses on a different theme
- Every Monday 3 – 4:30

### Access Bike

- community bike workshop & youth space
- build, repair and up-cycle old bikes.
- free access to our workshop space, bike-stands, tools, and mechanic support.
- refurbishing donated bikes and selling them at affordable price
- 'Earn a bike' through volunteering to fix up bikes for others

## The King's Trust



### Contact

Location: Gloucester

Tel: 07398 684892

01452 501 008

Email:  
Simon.phillips@younggl  
os.org.uk

getinvolved@younggl  
os.org.uk

### Prince's Trust 'Talk to us' programme:

Get careers guidance  
/ advice and talk to  
Youth Support  
Advisors

9:00am to 6:00pm  
Monday to Friday

[Live Chat](https://princetrust.org.uk)  
([princetrust.org.uk](https://princetrust.org.uk))

**Sign up here!**



### Team Programme

[Boost your confidence with Team | Get a job \(princes-trust.org.uk\)](https://princes-trust.org.uk)

- 12 week Personal development programme for 16 – 25 year olds
- Take on your own group community project, making a positive difference to the place where you live
- take part in a fun-filled residential trip
- two weeks' work experience in something you're interested in
- Improve your English, maths, communication and teamwork skills
- develop your interview and CV skills



[Watch Here for Team Programme](#)

**Start Dates**  
**January TBC**

### Schedule

**Week 1** - Meeting the team and planning

**Week 2** – Residential trip – climbing, abseiling, gorge walking, canoeing and more!

**Weeks 3-6** – Community project – eg painting a youth club

**Week 7** – Meeting variety of employers, arranging work placement

**Week 8** – Work experience week

**Week 9** – Planning your future – CV, interview skills and applications

**Weeks 10-11** – Challenge week – work with a group of individuals, create activities to run etc

**Week 12** – Celebration week! Awarded certificate and celebration with team.

**Week 13** – Enrichment week

## Explore

### Kings Trust Explore

[explore programme | Goal-setting and personal development](#)  
[\(princes-trust.org.uk\)](#)

### **Prince's Trust CV Tips**

This resource contains video interviews with colleagues, top tips on how to write a killer CV and stand out when applying for jobs.

There is also lots of useful advice on how to structure, organise and check your CV.

- Meet new people
- 1:1 with a mentor
- Grow your skills
- Explore the outdoors
- Communication skills
- Problem solving
- Explore new activities
- Try new things
- Become independent
- Increase confidence
- Develop life skills
- Teamwork
- Prince's Trust qualification - The Personal Development and Employability (PDE) Skills qualification
- Create a plan to take next steps into

## Dragon's Apprentice

Do you have an amazing new product or idea for the community?

Would you like to learn how to make it into a reality?

### Referral Form

#### Contact:

Carys Gerard

Tel: 07768637065

#### Email:

[forwardseducation@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:forwardseducation@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

**6<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**

**Blackbridge Community Hub & Shire Hall**

**SIGN UP**



**SCAN HERE**

## 100 Futures

### How To:

Complete the referral form below:

### Referral Form

In the comments box make sure you say you would like to be referred to the 100 futures programme

Then email:

[employers@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:employers@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

And mention your referral to the 100 futures scheme so they can make sure your application goes to them

You should receive a call within 3 working days to discuss your referral

This is run by the Employment and Skills Hub which is part of the county council.

This is a new scheme support 100 young people to take part in a 6 week work experience

### **What:**

The placement aims to help build skills, awareness and confidence to move into paid employment

They are expected to do 16 hours a week

If there is a placement you would like to do which is not in your area, then they can provide smart travel cards

The scheme will help build a vocational profile, CV and progression plan to move into employment

The hub will stay in touch throughout the placement.

### **After:**

#### **Once the placement is completed you will receive £100**

You can spend this through the council (e.g. you would like a new pair of trainers or phone then they will contribute £100)

You will be referred to one of their career advisers / mentors to help find paid employment

#### **If you find paid employment within 3 months you will receive another £100**

# Virtual Resources & Online Learning

## Harvard University

[Courses | Harvard University](#)

- online training programmes all available for immediate start
- course ranging all from different time lengths (1 weeks to 12 or more weeks)

## Open University

[Free short courses from the Open University | OpenLearn - Open University](#)

- Online courses available for immediate start
- introductory to advance level qualifications.
- can include science, creative arts, languages, education and business, and more.

## Home and Learn

[Free Beginners Computer Tutorials and Lessons \(homeandlearn.co.uk\)](#)

- Free online computer course for immediate start
- Courses can range from beginner to advance with courses offering android to Microsoft training programmes and web design.

## Reed

[Free Courses & Training | reed.co.uk](#)

- Free online courses, ranging from interview and CV writing techniques to employment and training courses in subjected areas of interest.
- These courses are available for immediate start with subject to space availably due to popular demands.



# Virtual Resources & Online Learning

## Online Pathway to Care Course

[Florence Academy](#)



- Pathway to Care is for anyone interested in working in UK social care.
- You don't need any previous care experience or qualifications to take this course. To build your knowledge of caregiving and what you can expect from a career in care, to help you find your first role in UK social care services.
- This course is for complete beginners and is designed to be taken before any other care qualifications, including the Level 1 Care Certificate.
- Pathway to Care is entirely online and made up of 11 modules, Chapters include videos, tips and guidance from industry experts. Self-assessment questions help test your knowledge at the end of each chapter.

## Barclay's Life Skills

[LifeSkills | Developing work and life skills \(barclayslifeskills.com\)](#)



- free employability programme that supports people throughout the UK to develop the confidence, skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the workplace.
- Use their interactive tools and explore tips to discover how your interests and skills can help you find your path to success. As well as develop your interview, enterprise and employability skills to help prepare for your next steps.

## Alison Courses

[Alison | Free Online Courses & Online Learning](#)



- Online portfolio of classes in a variety of different topics such as IT, Business, Construction etc

# Work Experience and Volunteering

## Ask Us

|Tel: 01452 426991 | Email: [ask@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:ask@gloucestershire.gov.uk)|

- Specialist team to support with work experience
- The team can provide an industry specific list of companies to approach with your CV, with a named contact for each.

## British Army - Work experience

[BASE - British Army Supporting Education \(mod.uk\)](#)

|Tel: 0345 600 8080 | Email: [rg-nrcoutreachadmin@mod.gov.uk](mailto:rg-nrcoutreachadmin@mod.gov.uk)|

- Work experience for 14–18-year-olds
- 4 day residential

## NHS Gloucestershire Hospitals

[Work for us \(gloshospitals.nhs.uk\)](#)

|Tel: 0300 422 5176 | email: [ghn-tr.apprenticeships@nhs.net](mailto:ghn-tr.apprenticeships@nhs.net)|

- Apprenticeship opportunities, work experience opportunities, Careers Q&As & Workshop sessions.

## NHS Cadets

[NHS Cadets Advanced Programme \(16-18\) - Gloucestershire \(Wednesday\) | SJA NHS Cadets](#)

Email: [nhscadets@sja.org.uk](mailto:nhscadets@sja.org.uk)

- 2 hours per week Programme over 36 weeks
- Opportunity to explore roles in healthcare and prepare for volunteering.

## Gloucestershire Constabulary

[Police volunteers | Gloucestershire Constabulary](#)

Email: [volunteers@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:volunteers@gloucestershire.police.uk)

- Develop and enhance your skills and experience
- Gain an insight into what the police do
- Gain an understanding of how your local community is policed.

## Regular places to check for Volunteering:

➤ **Go Volunteer Glos**  
[Go Volunteer Glos](#)

➤ **Gloucester NHS**  
[Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust website \(gloshospitals.nhs.uk\)](#)

➤ **Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust**  
[Home | Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust](#)

➤ **SkillZone**  
[Volunteering opportunities at SkillZONE - SkillZONE \(glosfire.gov.uk\)](#)

➤ **Gloucestershire Hospitals**  
[Work experience](#)

## Care to Make a Difference

### Health and Social Care Experience

Get support into a paid role

Start your career in health and social care

#### Careers include:

Doctor

Social worker

Pharmacist

Care worker

Nurse

Physiotherapist

Health Care Assistant

Mental Health professional

**And more**

- To support individuals exploring careers in health and social care in Gloucestershire.
- Guidance, employability skills, work experience and practical workshops to help gain insight into the field.
- Build confidence in pursuing care-related roles.
- young people aged 16 to 30
- the programme provides accessible pathways and real opportunities to get involved.

Sign up with one of the methods below

[Referral Form: 'Care to Make a Difference' Programme](#)

**Or**

[glicb.careers@nhs.net](mailto:glicb.careers@nhs.net)

**Or**

#### For more information:

Whatsapp

07919 309182



## About Teckles

### **Contact:**

Lorna Brooks

Email:

[volunteer@teckelsanimalsanctuaries.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@teckelsanimalsanctuaries.co.uk)

Tel: 01452 740300

[enquiries@teckelsanimalsanctuaries.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@teckelsanimalsanctuaries.co.uk)

### **Shop Location**

15-17 Russell St,  
Stroud GL5 3AA

## **Teckles Animal Cats and Dogs Home** Volunteering 18+

### Volunteering Openings

- [Christmas Fair & Dog Show Volunteers » Teckels Animal Sanctuary](#)
- [Charity Shop Volunteer » Teckels Animal Sanctuary](#)
- [Pub Quiz Volunteer » Teckels Animal Sanctuary](#)
- Community Volunteer - [Community Volunteer » Teckels Animal Sanctuary](#)

### **Location**

Bristol Road  
Whitminster  
Gloucester,  
GL2 7LU

(Sat Nav – GL2 7LX – We're next to Attwoolls)

Email:  
[info@artspacecinderford.org](mailto:info@artspacecinderford.org)

Tel: 01594 825111

Email:  
[Blakeneyhillgrowers@gmail.com](mailto:Blakeneyhillgrowers@gmail.com)

Tel: 07815 660013

Email:  
[activities@forestpulse.co.uk](mailto:activities@forestpulse.co.uk)

Tel: 01594 826357

Email:  
[admin@deantrailvolunteers.org.uk](mailto:admin@deantrailvolunteers.org.uk)

Tel: 07557 520019

Email:  
[Amanda.godber@do.wntoearthstroud.co.uk](mailto:Amanda.godber@do.wntoearthstroud.co.uk)

Tel: 07919 851669

## Volunteering in the Forest of Dean

### Artspace Cinderford

- Arts and education charity
- Assist in providing fun, creative workshops for people of any age and ability

### Blakeney Hill Growers

- Land based work
- Gardening, fencing, milking goats and everything in between

### Forest Pulse

- Supporting children and young people with disabilities
- Volunteering in afterschool clubs, youth club, Music and weekend activity club

### Down to Earth Gloucestershire

- Helping to maintain the garden at Cinderford Medical Centre
- Growing fruit and veg  
Provided food boxes for those who need them

### Dean Trail Volunteers

- Practical work
- Building and maintaining biking trails



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## Cotswold Volunteering & Work Experience



Cotswold Wildlife  
 Park and Gardens,  
 Bradwell Grove,  
 Burford, OX18 4JP

Tel: 01993 823 006

Email:  
[enquiries@cotswold  
 wildlifepark.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk)

### Cotswold Wildlife Park

- Must have an interest in working with animals
- Can chose from 3 animal sections

**Herpetology** – Reptiles, amphibians (small animals living in land and water), fish and snakes.

**Bottom Section:** Primates, Small mammals and birds, Lemurs, Meerkats, Bats, Otters, Penguins and more.

**Top Section:** Large mammals and birds, Rhinos, Giraffes, Zebra, Wallaby etc.

Birdland Park and  
 Gardens, Rissington  
 Road, Bourton-on-  
 the-Water, GL54 2BN

Tel: 01451 820480

Email:  
[info@birdland.co.uk](mailto:info@birdland.co.uk)

### Birdland Park and Gardens

- Garden maintenance
- Animal care
- Assisting with feeding displays
- Building bird boxes (carpentry work)
- And more....

**Apply Here**



**Volunteering-at-  
 Birdland-Park-  
 and-Gardens-  
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## AND MUCH MORE.....

[Recruitment | Clarke  
 Construction Group](#)

Email :  
[recruitment@clarkecon  
 structiongroup.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@clarkeconstructiongroup.co.uk)

Tel [01451 810804](tel:01451810804)

Clarke Construction  
 Group Limited

High Beeches

Bourton-on-the-Hill

Gloucestershire

GL56 9AL

### Clarke Construction Group

- Volunteering / work experience
- 7:30am – 4pm
- Conversions, Extensions, Renovations, Stone Masonry, groundwork, Steel works, Plumbing, Landscaping



For more information on volunteering / work experience or general enquiries email [info@clarkeconstructiongroup.co.uk](mailto:info@clarkeconstructiongroup.co.uk)

## Volunteering / Work Experience in Tewksbury

[Digital Marketing](#)

[Volunteer | Volunteer  
Role | SSAFA](#)

Flexible time  
commitment

Local Branch / Work  
from Home

[Volunteering -](#)

[Tewkesbury Nature  
Reserve](#)

Email:  
[volunteers@tewkesb  
 urnaturereserve.org.  
 uk](mailto:volunteers@tewkesburynaturereserve.org.uk)

Tel: 07375 130563.

[Volunteer in a Library |  
Gloucestershire  
Libraries](#)

Sun Street  
 Tewkesbury  
 GL20 5NX  
 United Kingdom

Tel: [01684 293086](tel:01684293086)

Apply online or over  
phone

### SSAFA Armed Forces Charity – 18+ Digital Marketing Volunteer

- Requires basic digital skills, maintain social media feeds
- Look at ways to increase traffic to sites and improve digital brand
- Keep content current and accurate
- Working with digital marketing team, interpret analytical data to develop local communication plans

### Tewkesbury Nature Reserve

- **Practical Nature Reserve Volunteer** – reserve management and maintenance with other volunteers. Tasks include scrub cutting, hedge laying, reed cutting, path clearance and more. Training and tools included.
- **Outdoor Learning Volunteer 18+** – assisting setting up and running educational activities for schools and other groups and/or running a forest school group.
- **Outreach Volunteer** – Helping the staff team set up and run events. Eg setting up stalls, chatting to visitors, running activities.
- **Walk Leader Volunteer** – Leading guided walks for small groups of visitors around the nature reserve.
- **Citizen Science Volunteer** – Helping to monitor the wildlife. Eg; big butterfly count; dragonfly monitoring; bat surveys; bird recording and more.
- **Marketing Volunteer** – promote the reserve via writing articles for newsletters; writing short social media posts; taking photographs of the reserve, its wildlife and events.
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### Libraries Volunteer in a Library

- Enquiries welcome for volunteering and work experience
- Apprenticeships do come up also
- Volunteering opportunities could include: Baby Bounce and Rhyme; Computer Buddy; Gardener; Library Club; Library Support Volunteer; Storytime; Lego Club; Children's Activities and more

# Apprenticeships

## 5 Ways to Find an Apprenticeship

### What is an Apprenticeship?

- A job where you learn, gain experience, qualifications.
- You are an employee and are entitled to holiday leave and other benefits.
- You will complete part time studying for a qualification linked to the job that you are doing, either in the workplace, or at a local college or specialist training provider

### Key Facts

- An apprenticeship takes a minimum of one year to complete.
- Minimum wage for an apprenticeship up to 17 is £6.40 per hour; (£8.60 per hour – 18–20-year-olds). the average apprenticeship wage is around £200 per week.
- Apprenticeships have entry criteria, you may need certain grades in Maths and English before being able to start

**1.** Apply via the official government website, you can create a login and profile and start searching:

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\) Apprenticeships](https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships)

**2.** Search for apprenticeship vacancies via job-sites:

[Job Search | Indeed](#)

[Monster Jobs: Jobsite & Local job search | Find a Job today](#)

[Gloucestershire Jobs \(glosjobs.co.uk\)](https://glosjobs.co.uk)

**3.** Apply direct to training providers that offer-apprenticeships:

[Further Education, Higher Education, Apprenticeships | Gloucestershire College \(gloscol.ac.uk\)](https://gloscol.ac.uk)

[Cirencester College – Sixth Form College](#)

[South Gloucestershire and Stroud College | Welcome \(sgscol.ac.uk\)](https://sgscol.ac.uk)

**4.** Visit-other-apprenticeship-based sites:

[The South West Apprenticeship Company \(SWAC\) - The South West Apprenticeship Company \(SWAC\) \(theswac.org.uk\)](https://theswac.org.uk)

[GetMyFirstJob | Apprenticeships, Degree Apprenticeships, Work Experience & Graduate Jobs](#)

[Search apprenticeships | UCAS](#)

[Find Apprenticeships | RateMyApprenticeship](#)

**5.** Speak to an employer directly about them taking you on as an apprentice. Then speak to a training provider about making this an official apprenticeship!

[Employer Support Team \(apprenticeships.gov.uk\)](https://apprenticeships.gov.uk)



## Job Searching

Below is some helpful information including recommended websites for job searching both locally and nationally.

**Unsure what you want to do?**

[find out what jobs match your interests](#)

### Careers Quiz

#### **Indeed**

[Job Search | Indeed](#)

#### **Gloucester College**

[Further Education,](#)

[Higher Education,](#)

[Apprenticeships |](#)

[Gloucestershire College](#)  
([gloscol.ac.uk](http://gloscol.ac.uk))

#### **Jobsite**

[Find 1000s of UK Jobs.](#)

[Start your job search with Jobsite UK](#)

#### **NHS Jobs**

[NHS Jobs](#)

#### **Monster Jobs**

[Monster Jobs: Jobsite & Local job search | Find a Job today](#)

#### **Gov.uk/find a job**

[Find a job - GOV.UK](#)  
([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

#### **Jobs go Public**

[Find a job that makes a difference | UK public sector and not for profit jobs | JobsGoPublic.com](#)

### **Youth Support Team**

We can offer support and guidance to find an opportunity. If you would like our support use the contact details below:

Email: [YSTOpportunitySupport@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:YSTOpportunitySupport@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Tel: 01452 415707

### **Job Centre Plus**

[Support, training and advice on finding your next opportunity - JobHelp](#)

Job Centre Plus offer more support to help young people back into work. They can help with CV tips, work experience, volunteering, interview tips, as well as improving confidence and motivation. If you are 18 you can apply for Universal Credit.

### **Proud to Care**

[Proud to Care | Proud to Care Gloucestershire](#)  
([proudtocareglos.org.uk](http://proudtocareglos.org.uk))

Tel: 01452 426452 | Email: [ptc@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:ptc@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Proud to Care are a local organisation, they collaborate with care providers in Gloucestershire to promote the sector and advertise local jobs.

# Job Clubs

## Cheltenham

### Oakley Community

Tuesday 10am – 12

Oakley Community  
 Resource Centre,  
 Clyde Crescent, GL52  
 5QJ

### Hester's Way

Wednesday 10am –  
 12

Cassin Drive, GL51  
 7SU

### Cheltenham Borough Homes Job Clubs

Email: [hannah.shipley@cbh.org](mailto:hannah.shipley@cbh.org) | call/text Hannah on  
 07818587133

- Job clubs, maths, IT skills, budgeting and money management advice and healthy living support
- 2 locations, Oakley Community and Hester's Way. Timings vary depending on location



## Cirencester

### Churn Project

Email: [Amanda.griffiths@thechurn.org.uk](mailto:Amanda.griffiths@thechurn.org.uk).

- Churn Project offers 1 to 1 Support (appointment only) to help young people find work. To book an appointment email the address above.
- Creative Skills Workshop – Gain confidence, learn about music, art and crafting (Thursday 2pm – 4pm)



## Stroud

### GL11 Club

- Wednesday 10 -2 drop ins, no need to book
- Use their laptops to job search, create a CV and make applications
- Support with interview prep, job searching, writing your CV and more
- For further support you can book a 1:1 appointment with Georgie, an amazing job coach, ring **01453 548 530**



GL11 Community Hub  
 Fairmead  
  
 Cam,  
 Gloucestershire  
  
 GL11 5JS.

## Employers

Email:  
eventcateringstaff@freemans  
eventpartners  
.co.uk

**Freemans Event Partners**  
[Freemans Event Partners | Award-Winning Event  
Management, Services & Solutions](#)

Work for 16-18-year-olds, primarily catering to young people under 18.

Opportunities include bar work (making drinks but not serving them).

Events: Work at events such as Cheltenham-Racecourse.

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[cheltenham@brightandbeautifulhome.com](mailto:cheltenham@brightandbeautifulhome.com)

**Bright + Beautiful (Cleaning/Housekeeping)**  
[Housekeeping & Domestic Cleaning Services | Bright & Beautiful \(brightandbeautifulhome.com\)](#)

Requirements: Must be 18+ due to the use of cleaning chemicals.

Recruiting housekeepers with options for 2 or 3-day terms, both full-time and part-time roles.

Benefits: Full training, uniform provided, travel time paid, and career progression opportunities.

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[alex.bennett@timpson.com](mailto:alex.bennett@timpson.com)

**Timpson**  
[Timpson | Great Service by Great People](#)



Accepts young people aged 18+ with a willing attitude to learn and develop, providing training and development for their workers.

Timpson's also give an equal opportunities employer.



### **Mary P's Limited (Day Nursery)**

Welcome to Mary P's Limited – Mary P's Day Nursery  
([marypsdaynursery.co.uk](http://marypsdaynursery.co.uk))

Vikki:

01684 291194

Email:

[mail@marypsdaynursery.co.uk](mailto:mail@marypsdaynursery.co.uk)

**Apprenticeships:** Levels: 2 and 3; Ages: 16-18

**Requirements:** Enhanced DBS Check Subject to references

**Support:** Help with Maths and English if required

### **Voyage Care**

[Voyage Care Jobs](#)

Provide support for vulnerable people with learning disabilities and complex needs across the UK.

Includes paid training and induction, funded DBS checks, and a confidential 24/7 helpline (V-assure).



### **Cotteswold Dairy**

<https://www.cotteswold-dairy.co.uk/>

Primarily for individuals 18 years and older, with occasional Apprenticeship opportunities.

Training / Apprenticeships

Contact an advisor by emailing [learning@cotteswold-dairy.co.uk](mailto:learning@cotteswold-dairy.co.uk) or calling 01684 216806.

Cotteswold Dairy



## Recruitment Agencies

Email:  
[unileversouthwest@manpower.co.uk](mailto:unileversouthwest@manpower.co.uk)

Tel: 07483 919 636

### Manpower/Walls (Recruitment Agency for Walls Factory)

Age Requirement (18+)

**Application:** Apply through the Manpower website or through Unilever: [Gloucester Jobs at Unilever](#)

**Example Roles:** Machine Operator/Production Operative  
Pay: £13.66-£15.48 per hour. Overtime: Up to £30 per hour

Tel:

01242 505400

01242 505406

Email:

[hello@rerecruitment.com](mailto:hello@rerecruitment.com)



**RE Recruitment – Recruitment Agency for Various Industries**  
Catering, Administrative, Technical, Engineering, Industrial,  
Hospitality, Agricultural, Transport

Degree Level Apprenticeship: requires 5 GCSEs 9 to 4 including Maths and English.

nicb@trainandrerecruitment.com (for catering roles)

Web Chat:

[www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)

Tel: 0800 100900

[Worldskillsuk](http://Worldskillsuk)

### What's Next?

[Guide to choosing education and career options](#)



This booklet will walk you through the different options after leaving school such as college, apprenticeships, training, part- or full-time work

## Further Resources

### **The National Careers Service**

useful in helping you decide what you would like to do and how to get there. There are lots of job profiles to explore as well as tools to help you consider what might suit you best.

The National Careers Service provides high quality, free and impartial careers advice, information, and guidance.

The service is available to anyone aged 13+ no matter what stage of the careers journey you're at.

### **World Skills UK**

This website contains lots of useful advice and guidance on different career paths.

There are two useful toolkits on this website under 'Career Resources', which allow young people to watch demonstration videos of real-life workers showing the skills they have developed in each workplace and gain further advice on personal development and employability skills.

**If you have any questions about anything in this document, please get in touch**

**Email:**

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