



National news

Green skills gap in young people

A report by environmental organisation, Groundwork, has found that 70% of 16-24 year olds surveyed have never received any careers advice on the skills required or roles available in the waste and resources management sector.

According to the report, 150,000 people are currently employed in the sector - with 97% of those white. There is a 'considerable barrier' for minority ethnic groups.

Rob Mowat, managing director of ESS Expo, said: "As an industry, we need to seek out ways of better communicating the opportunities, roles, and benefits of working in the sector in a way that truly resonates with the younger generation."

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Educational film shines spotlight on numerous job opportunities for young people in 'Live Events' industry

A national campaign has been launched to help young people understand the different career opportunities available in the live events sector.

A [20-minute video](#) looks at the jobs, roles and tasks involved when organising a tour for a popular music artist. Some of the jobs mentioned range from account management to lighting, video and audio. There are also jobs in health and safety, camera operating, special effects, logistics, wardrobe design and catering. To name but a few!

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New research shows growing parental support for school leaver apprenticeships over university



A recent survey of 2,000 parents found that more parents are now more likely to encourage their child to apply for an apprenticeship rather than university. 84% of parents felt school leaver apprenticeships provided good career prospects, compared to 79% in 2018.

Looking at the 2,000 young people aged 16- 21 who were questioned, 57% said they have received good advice about apprenticeships, compared to a university degree - 63%. Almost one in five did not think they received good careers advice about a school leaver apprenticeship.

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Government-funded recruiter apprenticeship launches

A new level 3 recruiter apprenticeship has launched, funded by the government and available to all recruitment businesses. The new apprenticeship is due to the increasing demand for recruitment consultants, in-house recruiters and talent acquisition professionals.

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1.2 billion young people will need a job in the next 10 years



The World Bank recently presented figures from the Lowy Institute that showed in the next 10 years, 1.2 billion young people worldwide will be of job-seeking age. There are current forecasts of 400-500 million jobs likely to be created so this creates a huge gap.

World Bank president Ajay Banga said there was a need for “governments, philanthropies and multilateral development banks working together” to produce more jobs.

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Interest in apprenticeships is at an all-time high



A report by QR Code Generator looked at Google search data and found that the search word 'apprenticeship' increased steadily until February 2024 when the search volume hit its highest ever level.

Marc Porcar, CEO of QR Code Generator, said, "It's encouraging to see such a dramatic rise in interest in apprenticeships, reflecting a shift in how students view their career paths. With university no longer seen as the only route to success, more young people are exploring practical, hands-on training opportunities that can lead directly to skilled employment."

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New qualifications approved for funding at Level 2 in England



The Department for Education has released a list of new Level 2 technical qualifications, approved for funding, for England in 2025. Titles include:

- Level 2 technical occupational entry in painting and decorating

- Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Carpentry and Joinery
- Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Practitioner
- Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Electrical and Electronics
- Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Healthcare Support
- Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Fitness Coaching
- Level 2 Technical Specialist in MOT Testing

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London news

Opening doors for young people in film



Ealing's West London Film Office has been working with major production companies to offer young people work experience on film sets in and around the borough.

Ealing has seen a growth in the number of businesses in film, TV video, radio and photography. According to this article, creative industries account for 3.8% of jobs and 8.5% of businesses in the borough.

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The 8 London universities named 'hardest to get into' and how many UCAS points you need



Research by The Guardian, shows a list of the top five London universities whose successful applicants had the highest average UCAS points:

- Imperial College London - 204
- London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) - 191
- University College London (UCL) - 183
- King's College London - 169
- University of the Arts London - 153

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UK's first 'teacherless' AI classroom set to open in London



A private school in London, David Game College, has launched the UK's first "teacherless" GCSE class of 20 students - using artificial intelligence instead of human teachers.

Students will learn using various AI platforms on their computers and virtual reality headsets.

Lesson plans will change depending on what a student does well in and what they need more help with - according to the AI platforms.

There will be three "learning coaches" in the classroom and can monitor behaviour and offer support.

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North East

'North East effect' holding back young people, social mobility reports warns



Research by the Government's Social Mobility Commission has found that young people growing up in some areas of the North East tend to end up with lower qualifications, lower pay and what is described as working-class jobs.

Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland are among areas that have the 'least favourable outcomes'. Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland have 'unfavourable outcomes'.

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North East cities improve rating for jobs and skills but trail other areas



The Demos-PwC Good Growth for Cities Index has reported that towns and cities in the North East are performing better for jobs and skills than they were a year ago. Improvement is still needed but this research is encouraging.

Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Stockton and Sunderland all showed higher results than last year regarding skills and jobs. The North East as a whole is marked highly for work-life balance, income distribution and public safety.

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Former jockey to manage new apprenticeship for racing staff

Empentis Training Solutions, based in Newcastle, is launching the Equine Groom Apprenticeship Level 2 (Racing Route) to help trainers with the challenges of recruitment, retention, and staff development.

The Apprenticeship allows learners to choose either the Exercise Rider or Yard-Based (non-riding) apprenticeships. The 12-month course is available to full-time or part-time staff, with employers receiving a £1,000 Government incentive for 16-18-year-olds.

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South

New Weymouth hub for care leavers opens



The Hub, run by Dorset Council, has opened for young people who are leaving care where they can get support and advice.

Located on the ground floor of 10 Kirtleton Avenue, there will be drop-in sessions to help young people feel safe, build social relationships and have practical support and guidance as they move into adult life.

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'Huge opportunity' as new special needs school opens



A state-funded special needs school has opened near Yeovil - to support pupils aged between five to 16 with social, speech and mental health conditions.

Somerset Council said demand for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) places has doubled over the past few years.

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[Choose Social Work](#)

Complete a form and receive a digital resource pack for schools and colleges that look at careers in social care

[Choices - Parent and Carer Guide to Apprenticeships and Technical Education](#)

New-look guide from Amazing Apprenticeships looking at how to support your child and explore their options

[Amazing Apprenticeships - webinars](#)

Lots of free webinars to register for. Subjects include understanding apprenticeships and apprenticeships with the Army and BBC

[Trotman online resources](#)

Free Getting into online resources looking at UCAS key dates timeline for 2025 entry, how to choose your degree poster and getting into medical school worksheet

[Careers Advice Toolkit - WorldSkillsUK](#)

A digital toolkit supporting young people with employability skills and careers information

Dates for your diary



National

- [The National School and College Leaver Festival](#), The NEC Birmingham - 12 - 13 November

London

- [National Apprenticeship and Education Event](#), North London (Saracens StoneX Stadium) - 8 October
- [London Job Show](#), Westfield Shepherds Bush - 11 and 12 October
- [Pilot Careers Live](#), London Heathrow - 2 November
- [National Apprenticeship and Education Event](#), South London (The Kia Oval) - 5 November
- [London Careers Fair](#), Tottenham Hotspur Stadium - 8 November

North East

- [The National Apprenticeship Show North East](#), Vertu Motors Arena, Newcastle - 19 and 20 November

South

- [The National Apprenticeship Show Bristol](#), Ashton Gate, Bristol - 8 and 9 October
- [Surrey Festival of Skills 2024](#), Surrey Sports Park - 15 October

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