



## WORK INSPIRATION

To help your students explore a range of careers and use resources that will help them assess their skills and abilities. General links in relation to University:

### GENERIC CAREERS WEBSITE

- [BBC Bitesize](#) website is full of videos, games and content to enable you to explore a range of careers. It also has hints and tips for CVs, application forms and interviews.
- [BBC Make It](#) – youth friendly content on a range of careers and employability tips
- [Career Smart](#) – Occupations A to Z
- [NI Direct](#) - Careers Section
- [NI Direct](#) – Careers Online Support – interactive tools to match career options based on skills, interests and values and a CV builder tool.
- [National Careers Service](#) – Discover your skills and careers.
- [National Careers Service](#) – Explore Careers
- [Success at School!](#): Choose your next steps - a selection of 60 second candid videos on different roles and careers.
- [Watch](#) comedian Rhod Gilbert on the BBC as he goes out on 'work experience'.

### Speakers for Schools – Virtual Careers talks

- Interested in History? [Broadcaster and Historian Dan Snow](#) discusses why history matters and the importance of studying history and the lessons you can learn.
- [Professor Bill McCaffrey, Professor of Sedimentology, University of Leeds](#) - this session is aimed at young people with an interest in STEM and sciences. He focuses on empowering students to do what they want to do with your lives and career, while demystifying opportunities in the sciences. He shares insights into his own career and journey to help young people prepare for their futures.
- [Dr Nira Chamberlain, President, IMA & Visiting Fellow, Loughborough University Mathematical Sciences Department](#) – discusses 'What is the point of Mathematics'. He will show how and why he became a mathematician, including his career journey from an inner-city school to winning the title World's Most Interesting Mathematician 2018 and becoming one of the UK's Top 100 Scientists. He will demonstrate how he has applied his

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mathematics to real world crisis's, from saving Aston Villa to COVID-19.

## UNIVERSITY RELATED

- The **UCAS Hub** has some great opportunities for students to listen in to in preparation for 2021 applications. These will also be put on their Facebook [page](#) to view later.
- **UCAS** – [List](#) of University virtual open days
- Further information on [Open Days](#) in light of Coronavirus restrictions
- UCAS has a [superb Twitter feed](#) with lots of update videos and frequently asked questions
- UCAS specific Coronavirus [update](#) page
- Edge Hill University has a range of [online content](#) available for NI students

## Ulster University

- **UU** have now finished their Future Applicant webinars, and these are all now [available](#) for watching if you missed them.
- Study at UU – [Overview](#) of Courses/Campuses

## CV/Application Forms/Interview Skills

- The National Careers Service has a set of resources that can help students apply to College, University or to get a job.
  - How to write a [CV](#)
  - How to write a [covering letter](#)
  - How to fill in an [application form](#)
  - General [interview advice](#)
  - Explaining the [STAR](#) method
  - Common [interview questions](#) and how do you answer them
  - Understand your [‘soft skills’](#)
- PWC Employability Hub this is a [resource](#) where students can find useful virtual tools to support them in developing key employability skills. There a number of e-learn modules.

- A [video](#) on interview questions and answers and some key tips. (8 minutes) This is supported by providing sample questions and answers [here](#).
- [CV Lessons](#) – Avengers Show Off Superpowers

## FOCUS ON CONSTRUCTION

- **Go Construct** has excellent resources if you are interested in [a career in Construction](#). Some of the resources include a [Day in the Life Of](#) section from people working across the sector and an [A – Z of careers](#) you can browse the job roles.
- In conjunction with the **WOW Show** a 30-minute special on [Construction Careers](#) was also created in conjunction with Go Construct.
- **Speakers for Schools** have a careers talk focussed on becoming an **architect**. [Dr Maria Faraone, Director of the Royal Institution of British Architects \(RIBA\)](#) discusses what does an architect do and explores with students more about the career, what it might entail and how students can pursue the career. There is also an accompanying [resource](#) for her talk.

## Information on Specific Careers

- **QUB #LockdownLearning** discover what it is like to a [Marine Biologist](#)
- The **NI Careers Service** has produced some Careers Occupational Information on a range of ‘growth’ area careers.
  - Explore careers in [Software Technology](#) and there a small selection of videos and an accompanying [ezine](#).
  - Explore careers in [Data Analytics](#) and there a small selection of videos and an accompanying [ezine](#).



## OPPORTUNITIES

- **National Cyber Security Centre** – if you have a love for technology, why not take the first steps towards your future career? Led by the National Cyber Security Centre, learn new skills needed to enter the cyber security or computing workplace with [Cyberfirst](#) online courses. Students 14-17 years old.
- **The British Library** - are encouraging you to [make your own miniature book](#). A number of children's authors have created their own to inspire you – here is [Axel Scheffler's miniature book](#). Alex is an illustrator and animator best known for his cartoon-like pictures for children's books, in particular The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child. Please send your photos or videos of your creations to [British Library Learning Twitter account](#).
- **Success at School guides** for students on how to develop their workplace skills, even with social distancing restrictions
- **North West Regional College** - Higher National Apprenticeships open for [applications](#). Also check out their [applicant webinars](#).
- **SERC** – online [open days](#)
- **South West Regional College** have a selection of Higher Education webinars available on their [YouTube channel](#)
- **The Skills Toolkit** – [free resources](#) to develop your digital and numeracy skills
- **Open Learn** from Open University – if you enjoy a challenge, why not [enrol](#) on a free on-line course? A great way to try a subject you're thinking of studying full time – or maybe just learn something for the fun of it!
- Ever wondered what it would be like to study at **Oxford University** and attend a tutorial or want to expand your mind? They have a series of free, live talks each week. Check them out [here](#).
- **Global Summit: Uniting the World through the SDGs is a FREE 3-day event**, featuring dozens of workshops led by students, educators, thought leaders, diplomats and UN officials. Date: 21st, 22nd & 23rd of July 2020. More information and how to register [here](#).
- **PWC Virtual Classroom** – this is open to students in year 11-14 and happening throughout July. The programme combines both live and pre-recorded sessions which will provide an insight into PwC and an opportunity to develop employability skills. There will also be the chance to engage with a range of PwC ambassadors through the interactive live sessions. Details of the programme and where students should register are [here](#).
- Explore the options with **Queens' University** with their [online events](#)

To find out more about our Work Inspiration programme, please contact [joanne.mehaffy@bitcni.org.uk](mailto:joanne.mehaffy@bitcni.org.uk), or visit [www.bitcni.org.uk/programmes/work-inspiration/](http://www.bitcni.org.uk/programmes/work-inspiration/) or [www.workinspiration-ni.com](http://www.workinspiration-ni.com)