

# Top Websites – Careers Information on the Internet

The internet can never be a substitute for a young person discussing their career interests and information needs with a professionally qualified careers adviser. As a parent or carer you have a vital supporting role and, speaking from personal (and sometimes painful) experience, timing can be everything! However, I am sure you would agree it's never too soon for a young person to begin exploring their own ideas, and the internet is a great place to start. ([See also Ellie Stevenson's Getting Help with Careers: where to start.](#))

## Surely we can just Google what we need?

It's true that Google is brilliant and can instantly meet a specific information need. However, despite sophisticated use of analytic tracking software, the results are still based on promoting the most popular or paid ads rather than professionally recommended or evaluated careers information. The best may not even appear!

## So where do we start?

A career can be explained as a 'pathway through life' and, like any journey, there are transitional periods, milestones and even crossroads. So, we have taken the opportunity below to list a wide selection of recommended and reliable sources of general as well as specific careers information sources, beginning with the national careers sites supporting young people and/or parent interests:

- [Careers Service Northern Ireland](#)
- [Careers Wales](#)
- [National Careers Service - England](#)
- [My World of Work for parents - Skills Development Scotland](#)
- [Guernsey](#)
- [Jersey](#)
- [Isle of Man](#)

[icould.com](#)

Extensive and inspiring videos explored by subject interest, job type or life decision. The site is aimed at young people, but many of the films are suitable for all ages. Includes a popular mini interest guide called the [Buzz Quiz](#) which can be helpful for generating early ideas based on personality type.

[Prospects](#) This site is an excellent resource for anyone thinking about going to university, or job seeking after graduation. There is a helpful [Career Planner](#) to give young people ideas as to what they may be suited to, as well as information on work experience, internships and postgraduate study. They may also find [careerplayer](#) a useful companion for exploring graduate career films.

## Occupational sectors

Perhaps your son or daughter is already interested in a careers sector, but unsure what job role appeals. The following sectors represent hundreds if not thousands of careers, so we have selected particularly informative sites representing a broad range of different occupations.

[Administration, Business and Office Work](#)

[Catering and Hospitality](#)

[Design, Arts and Crafts](#)

[Engineering](#)

[Financial Services](#)

[Languages, Information and Culture](#)

[Leisure, Sport and Tourism](#)

[Building and Construction](#)

[Computers and IT Design](#)

[Education and Training](#)

[Environment, Animals and Plants](#)

[Healthcare](#)

[Legal and Political Services](#)

[Manufacturing and Production](#)

Marketing and Advertising  
Performing Arts  
Retail Sales and Customer Services  
Security and Armed Forces  
Transport and Logistics

Media, Print and Publishing  
Personal and Other Services (Hair & Beauty)  
Science, Mathematics and Statistics  
Social Work and Counselling Services

## Extra web gems

To keep up to date, don't miss the carousel of general and specialist parent support sites from the [Parental Guidance](#) home page.

## Hot tips

Encourage your son or daughter to check out what careers software, including psychometric matching programs, may be available at their school or college. Most have excellent careers information to complement their results, and some programs may be accessible from home through the school or college's intranet, VLE/MLE platform.

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