



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

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

UNIVERSITY RELATED

- [UCAS](#) – [List](#) of University virtual open days

The Responsible
Business Network
Northern Ireland



- 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

- How to [Apply](#) to UU applicant webinars
- Study at UU – [Overview](#) of Courses/Campuses

CV

- [CV Lessons](#) – Avengers Show Off Superpowers

OPPORTUNITIES

- **Sutton Trust** - Apprenticeship Summer School (degree level apprenticeship). For year 13 students in Northern Ireland and eligibility criteria apply. [Closing date is 28 May](#).
- **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.
- **UNESCO** - have launched an [Aspiring Writer competition](#) for students aged 12-18 years old – closing date on 31 May. The aim is to foster

imagination. Teenagers from all over the globe are invited to write about challenges of today and tomorrow in the format of a short story and share their perspectives. The theme is “Once upon a time in my future”.

- **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](#).
- **SERC** – online [open days](#)
- **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!

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