

Got your A Level Results?

Wondering what's next?

We've put together some information to help you consider what your next step might be:

- Employment and Training opportunities
- Useful Job Search websites
- Volunteering / Gap Year activities

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Manchester, Rochdale, Salford & Tameside

Job opportunities

A number of employers offer training schemes aimed at school/college leavers. It may be that applications for 2009 starts are no longer being accepted, and the next start dates will be January or Summer 2010. You can find out more information about some of these schemes, what they involve and when to apply on the following websites:

Armed Forces

You can contact the local Armed Forces Careers Office (AFCO) and make an appointment by calling : 0161 832 5789

Army: www.armyjobs.mod.uk

RAF: www.raf.mod.uk/careers

Royal Navy: www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers

They can also offer advice on the Territorial Army and Civilian roles within the Armed Forces.

Business and Finance

Deloitte - Varied levels of entry in audit, tax and corporate finance. E.g. The 'Scholars Scheme' provides a paid 30 week work experience placement and financial support in going on to University.

www.scholars.deloitte.co.uk

PriceWaterhouseCoopers - 'HEADstart' programme can lead to qualification as a Chartered Accountant or Tax Adviser

www.pwc.com/uk/en/careers/student

Siemens Commercial Academy - A 4 year programme leading to HND and Bachelors Degree in Business. Closing date is usually February each year for October start: www.sca.siemens.co.uk

The Bank of New York Mellon - A number of opportunities in Corporate Banking and Financial Services:

www.bnymellon.com/careers

Catering and Retail

Arcadia Group - Topshop & Topman, Evans, Burton and Dorothy Perkins are among the brands owned by Arcadia Group. They advertise retail fashion jobs on the website, and will soon have details of the Retail Management Trainee Programme for 2010 starts:
www.arcadiagroup.co.uk/careers

McDonalds - Offer a Management Trainee Programme and Apprenticeship training: www.mcdcareers.co.uk

Tesco - 'A Level Options' is a fast track Management Trainee scheme
www.tesco-careers.com

'Retail Banking' - this involves working in branches dealing with queries and providing customer service. A number of the high street banks advertise jobs and training schemes on their websites, e.g. *Barclays, HSBC, LloydsTSB, RBS, The Co-operative Bank.*

Media

By 2011, five BBC departments will have relocated to MediaCity:UK in Salford Quays creating new jobs and opportunities in the North West.

BBC - for job information and updates: www.bbc.co.uk/jobs
for work experience placements: www.bbc.co.uk/workexperience

USEFUL INFORMATION

National Minimum Wage:

Age 16-17 = £3.53 per hour

Age 18-20 = £4.77 per hour

If you are on an employed apprenticeship, you are entitled to a minimum Training Allowance of £95 per week.

For more information about your rights at work you can visit:

www.connexions-direct.com

www.direct.gov.uk

www.acas.org.uk

Useful job search websites

General job search sites:

www.cnx2jobs.com

www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk

www.worktrain.gov.uk

www.thejobsmine.co.uk



For Local Authority vacancies:

www.manchester.gov.uk

www.salford.gov.uk

www.tameside.gov.uk

www.rochdale.gov.uk

www.trafford.gov.uk

www.stockport.gov.uk

Not sure what to look for?

www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u/

This is a useful database with info on the type of qualifications, skills, working hours and salary associated with different jobs.

If you need any assistance in your job search, contact your local Connexions centre and speak to an adviser.

Training Opportunities and Further Qualifications

Higher education courses at college:

Hopwood Hall College offers full and part time HND/C courses and Foundation Degrees in subjects such as *Art & Design, Electronic Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Public Services* and *Sport*.

www.hopwood.ac.uk

Course enquiries: 0161 643 7560 (Middleton Campus)

01706 345 346 (Rochdale Campus)

The Manchester College offers a range of courses from HNCs to Diplomas and Foundation Degrees, whether you're interested in *Business, Media, Performing Arts, Computing* or *Beauty Therapy*.

They also offer a range of certificates and short courses:

www.themanchestercollege.ac.uk

Course enquiries 0800 068 8585

Salford City College offers a range of Higher Education courses, short courses and certificates at sites across Salford.

www.salfordcc.ac.uk

Course enquiries 0161 211 5001

Stockport College offers Foundation Degrees in *Childcare, Computing, Forensic Science* and *Graphic Communication*.

www.stockport.ac.uk

Tameside College offers a number of HND/C courses and Foundation Degrees, plus a range of teaching and management qualifications.

www.tameside.ac.uk

Course enquiries 0161 908 6600

Trafford College offers Foundation Degrees in *Accountancy, Business, Childhood Studies, Hospitality, Sports and Fitness* and *Teaching & Learning Support*.

www.trafford.ac.uk

Useful websites for training and further qualifications

For information and advice regarding University places and clearing:

www.ucas.ac.uk

www.guardian.co.uk/education/clearing

www.independent.co.uk/student/into-university/clearing



Training and apprenticeships:

www.cnx2jobs.com - Search for apprenticeships and jobs with training.

www.apprenticeships.org.uk - Search for opportunities and find information about apprenticeships.

Skills Solutions offer Advanced Apprenticeships (Level 3) in *Retail Financial Services, IT and Manufacturing.*

Contact Recruitment Team on: 0161 233 2656

They also offer a Professional Apprenticeship in

Management. Contact Higher Skills team on: 0161 245 4974

www.skills-solutions.org.uk

If you would like to find out about other training providers offering apprenticeships in your area, or want to know more about accessing training once you are in work you can speak to a Connexions adviser.

The logo for Connexions, featuring the word "connexions" in a purple sans-serif font. The letter "o" is replaced by a stylized orange shape that resembles a speech bubble or a network node, with a line extending from its top and another from its bottom, connecting to the letters "n" and "x" respectively.

Find your local Connexions centre

www.gmconnexions.co.uk

Volunteering and GAP Year opportunities

Vinspired

This is a website for 16-25 year olds interested in volunteering.

With 1000s of opportunities from volunteering at music festivals to setting up community projects, from sports coaching to computer game workshops, film making to youth work holidays...

Visit the website to find out what's on offer, read the blog and find out about the Facebook and Myspace pages. Be inspired:

www.vinspired.com

Platform2

'Platform 2 Volunteer' offers 18-25 year olds funded volunteer placements abroad.

You will spend 10 weeks in a developing country, working in the community. When you get back you are given a platform to share your experiences—this could be through film, music, art, online... whatever you are into.

With trips leaving 5 times a year, visit www.myplatform2.com and you could find yourself volunteering in India, Nepal, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa or Peru!

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Other useful websites:

• **Gap Year** advice and information: www.gapyear.com

• **Project Trust** aimed at 17-19 year olds, offering volunteering opportunities in more than 22 countries: www.projecttrust.org.uk

• **CSV:** provides both full time volunteering opportunities away from home or part time local opportunities www.csv.org.uk

• **VSO:** international volunteering opportunities in developing countries www.vso.org.uk

• **MEV** (Manchester Events Volunteers): www.mev.org.uk

• **Do-It!:** Over 100,000 voluntary opportunities across the UK www.do-it.org.uk

• **Imperial War Museum North:** <http://north.iwm.org.uk>

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