



**VIRTUAL WORK  
EXPERIENCE  
STUDENT DIRECTORY**



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# **1. PUBLIC SERVICES**

**THIS AREA EMPLOYS 21,500 LOCALLY AND INCLUDES THE CIVIL SERVICE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, EMERGENCY SERVICES, TAX, LIBRARIES, IMMIGRATION AND THE PRISON SERVICES. PUBLIC SERVICES ARE KEY IN THE FIGHT TO LIMIT THE IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITIES. THE RANGE OF APPRENTICESHIPS BECOMING AVAILABLE IN THESE AREAS ARE INCREASING.**

**IF YOU CHOOSE THIS SECTOR YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO A CAREERS INTERVIEW WITH A LEICESTERSHIRE SERGEANT WITH OVER 10 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. YOU CAN ALSO FIND A VIRTUAL TOUR OF A LOCAL FIRE STATION AND VIDEO CONTENT FROM THE FIRE SERVICE.**



## **2. HOSPITALITY**

**HOSPITALITY IS A POPULAR SECTOR TO WORK IN FOR PART TIME JOBS. HOWEVER IT ALSO ALLOWS A LOT OF PROGRESSION FOR FULL TIME WORK. IN THIS INDUSTRY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS, PATIENCE, LISTENING SKILLS, CREATIVITY. THESE ARE ALL IMPORTANT, AS YOU WILL BE DEALING WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS.**

**IF THE HOSPITALITY SECTOR IS SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THEN THIS IS A GREAT SECTOR TO CHOOSE. YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO CAREERS VIDEOS FROM A LOCAL HOTEL OPERATIONS MANAGER AND A STARBUCKS FRANCHISE OWNER.**



### **3. CREATIVE**

**THE CREATIVE SECTOR IS ABOUT CREATING ORIGINAL IDEAS AND PRODUCTS AND IS OFTEN SPILT INTO THREE DISTINCT PARTS: ARTS, CULTURE AND CREATIVE MEDIA. DIGITAL SKILLS ARE IN DEMAND AS TECHNOLOGY IS REVOLUTIONISING HOW WE LIVE AND WORK. ALL ORGANISATIONS USE IT IN SOME WAY SO IT IS VERY IMPORTANT. THE SECTOR CURRENTLY EMPLOYERS AROUND 18,000 PEOPLE LOCALLY.**

**IF YOU CHOOSE THIS SECTOR YOU WILL GAIN ACCESS TO INTERVIEWS WITH VARIOUS MUSIC PROFESSIONALS, AN APP DESIGNER AND A GRAPHIC DESIGNER. THERE IS ALSO A VIRTUAL TOUR OF A RECORDING STUDIO.**



# 4. CONSTRUCTION

**THIS SECTOR IS BASED ON THE PLANNING DESIGN AND CREATION OF BUILDINGS OR INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS ROADS, BRIDGES OR RAILWAYS. THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IS GROWING AND CAN OFFER AMAZING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP AND TRAVEL. THERE ARE OVER 180 DIFFERENT ROLES IN THIS SECTOR.**

**IF YOU WERE TO CHOOSE THIS SECTOR YOU WOULD GET AN INSIGHT INTO PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO INTERVIEWS FROM PROJECT MANAGERS OF A CONSTRUCTION SITE AND A VIRTUAL TOUR AROUND A LIVE DEMOLITION SITE AND MORE.**



# **5. ENGINEERING**

**ENGINEERING INVOLVES THE USE OF SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE TO INVENT, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT EVERYTHING AROUND US. YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NEEDED TO GO INTO THIS AGING WORK FORCE AND IN DEMAND ROLES INCLUDE ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERS.**

**IF YOU CHOOSE THIS SECTOR YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO AN INTERVIEW WITH A HR MANAGER FOR AN ENGINEERING COMPANY, A VIRTUAL TOUR, INTERVIEWS FROM DIFFERENT ENGINEERS AND A DRONE TOUR OF A WAREHOUSE.**



## **6. ENVIRONMENT AND LANDBASED**

**THIS SECTOR REQUIRES PEOPLE WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT ANIMALS. THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THIS SECTOR AND THEY ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH APPRENTICESHIPS AS WELL AS FIRST TIME JOBS AND DEGREE LEVEL. THERE ARE MORE THAN 78,000 EMPLOYEES IN THE UK THAT WORK IN THIS SECTOR. IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT SECTOR AS IT LOOKS AFTER ALL ANIMALS' WELFARE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE ALL HAPPY AND SAFE.**

**IF YOU WERE TO CHOOSE THIS SECTOR YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO A CAREERS INTERVIEW WITH AN ANIMAL CARE SPECIALIST, A VIRTUAL TOUR OF AN ANIMAL CARE COLLEGE AND THE FACILITIES AND MORE.**



# 7. SPORTS

**LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE IS WELL KNOWN FOR SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAS 13 MAJOR SPORTING VENUES/CLUBS HOSTING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS. THE SECTOR OFFERS OVER 9,000 JOBS.**

**JOB COMPETITION IN THIS SECTOR IS HIGH AS MORE YOUNG PEOPLE STUDY SPORTS COURSES RELATED TO AVAILABLE JOBS. VOLUNTEERING IN SPORT IS A GREAT WAY TO GET SOME EXPERIENCE AND HELPS YOU TO LEARN NEW SKILLS THAT YOU WILL NEED TO WORK IN THIS SECTOR.**

**IF SPORTS IS A SECTOR YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THEN YOU WOULD GAIN ACCESS TO AN INTERVIEW WITH COMMUNITY TEAMS FOR A FOOTBALL CLUB A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE STADIUM AND GROUNDS AND AN INTERVIEW WITH A PERSONAL TRAINER.**



## **8. BUSINESS ADMIN, FINANCE AND LEGAL**

**THIS IS A BROAD SECTOR, EMPLOYING 60,000 LOCALLY, COVERS FINANCIAL, BUSINESS CONSULTANCY AND LEGAL SERVICES. COMPANIES IN THIS SECTOR WELCOME YOUNG PEOPLE WITH HIGH MOTIVATION, ENTHUSIASM AND STRONG COMMUNICATION SKILLS. THESE JOBS REQUIRE HIGH COMMITMENT AND HARD WORK BUT CAN RESULT IN HIGH JOB SATISFACTION AND GOOD PAY. LOCALLY THE SECTOR HAS AN EVEN SPLIT OF MALES (50%) AND FEMALES (50%) EMPLOYED.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS SECTOR THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE CAREERS INTERVIEWS WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS FROM A LOCAL CRIMINAL LAW FIRM. ADDITIONAL CAREERS QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY AN EMPLOYMENT LAWYER AND HER ROUTE INTO THE SECTOR.**



# 9. HEALTH AND CARE

**IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR AN INTERESTED CAREER WITH LOTS OF OPPORTUNITY TO PROGRESS THEN HEALTH IS FOR YOU. WITH OVER 350 JOB ROLES, YOU COULD WORK IN THE NHS, A CHARITY OR PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE NHS AND A LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPARTMENT, SUCH AS CHILDREN SERVICES. THE NHS IS THE LARGEST EMPLOYER IN THE UK! 33,000 PEOPLE ARE EMPLOYED IN HEALTH LOCALLY. THERE ARE SHORTAGES IN MIDWIVES, A & E DOCTORS, GPS, NURSES ETC.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN THE HEALTH AND CARE SECTOR THEN THIS IS A GOOD SECTOR TO CHOOSE. IN THIS SECTOR YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO INTERVIEWS WITH A GP, NURSE AND DAY IN THE LIFE VIDEOS OF CARE WORKERS AND PODIATRISTS.**



# 10. EDUCATION

**TEACHING AND EDUCATION IS A LARGE AREA OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE AREA WITH OVER 47,000 PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN THIS SECTOR. THE RANGE OF APPRENTICESHIPS TO ACCESS ROLES IN THIS SECTOR IS INCREASING. THE LOCAL AREA HAS 3 AMAZING UNIVERSITIES, PLUS MANY LOCAL SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES. THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS FOR SPECIFIC SUBJECTS SUCH AS; MATHS, TECHNOLOGY, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, HISTORY AND DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY.**

**IF THIS IS A SECTOR THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THEN THIS SECTOR WILL ALLOW YOU ACCESS TO A CAREERS INTERVIEW FROM A PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER, A VIRTUAL TOUR OF A SCHOOL AND CAREERS INTERVIEWS. YOU WILL ALSO SEE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONERS.**



# **11. HAIR AND BEAUTY**

**HAIR AND BEAUTY IS A POPULAR INDUSTRY TO WORK IN, THEY ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN THEM THROUGH AN APPRENTICESHIP. THIS ALLOWS YOU TO LEARN AND GET EXPERIENCE AT THE SAME TIME. WHEN WORKING IN THIS SECTOR IT IS KEY TO HAVE GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS, LISTENING SKILLS, AND PAY ATTENTION TO DETAIL, PATIENCE AND THE ABILITY TO WORK WITH OTHERS. YOU ALSO HAVE TO BE ABLE TO WORK FLEXIBLE HOURS AS IT COULD MEAN WORKING EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN HAIR AND BEAUTY THEN HERE YOU WILL SEE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF A SALON AND A CAREERS INTERVIEW FROM A LOCAL SALON OWNER, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY A HAIR AND BEAUTY TEACHER, SHE HAS ALSO TRAVELLED THE WORLD WORKING WITH FAMOUS CLIENTS.**



# 12. IT

**THIS SECTOR IS FAST MOVING AND DYNAMIC, YOU ARE ABLE TO WORK IN LARGE COMPANIES AND THERE ARE MANY SMALLER BUSINESS AND TECH START-UPS. THE IT INDUSTRY PROVIDE A RANGE OF SPECIALIST SERVICES AND TYPICALLY OFFER CONSULTANCY AND TECHNICAL ROLES. THIS IS AN EVER-GROWING SECTOR AS MANY BUSINESSES USE IT AND HAVE AN IT DEPARTMENT. THIS HAS BECOME A LOT BUSIER AND MORE POPULAR THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC DUE TO PEOPLE WORKING FROM HOME**

**IF THIS IS AN INDUSTRY THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THEN HERE YOU WILL GAIN ACCESS TO A CAREERS INTERVIEW FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF A LOCAL IT COMPANY AND A VIRTUAL TOUR OF HIS OFFICE AND MORE.**



# 13. RETAIL

**HOW WE SHOP CHANGES CONSTANTLY AND RETAIL IS A FAST MOVING INDUSTRY AS ORGANISATIONS TRY TO RESPOND TO THE FUTURE TRENDS AND CUSTOMER DEMAND. THIS SECTOR WELCOMES YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CAN PROGRESS THROUGH ON THE JOB TRAINING OR APPRENTICESHIPS. THIS SECTOR EMPLOYS 42,000 PEOPLE IN BOTH LARGE RETAL STORES AND SMALL INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES. ONLINE SHOPPING HAS GROWN MASSIVELY OVER THE PANDEMIC , LOTS OF ONLINE ROLES HAVE BEEN CREATED AND BECOME MORE POPULAR SUCH AS, DIGITAL MARKETING, WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT, USER EXPERIENCE, CYBER SECURITY.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE RETAIL SECTOR THEN HERE YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO AN INTERVIEW WITH A DUNELM HEAD OFFICE RECRUITER. THERE IS ALSO ADDITIONAL VIDEO CONTENT FROM THE HIGHCROSS SHOPPING CENTRE FOR MORE INSIGHT INTO THE SECTOR.**



