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# Planning for Your Future

Quick guide for school leavers from Connexions Solihull

Whether you know exactly what you want to do, or need to generate some ideas for your future here is a checklist of key information you will need to consider

- What suits you and how you like to study
- Different courses and which jobs they could lead to
- What a job involves and what skills, qualities and qualifications you would need
- The pay and long term prospects of a job
- The different routes into your chosen career
- How you could improve your chances of getting on to your chosen course or career

You will get a lot of help through your school. If you want to see a Connexions Personal Adviser - just ask.

## Did you know?

All 16 and 17 year olds coming up to the end of a school and college course are guaranteed an offer of a place in appropriate continued learning.

The 'YouChoose' website lets you search for information on what and where to study post 16 in Solihull and Birmingham – check it out [www.youchoose14-19.co.uk](http://www.youchoose14-19.co.uk)

From April 2012 there will be a new National Careers Service. Your school will let you know about any changes to how you can get careers help in the future.



Use the websites listed in this leaflet to help you get the information you need - why not start with the Connexions Solihull website and check out the new edition of 16 Plus aimed at helping school leavers to plan their future [www.solihull.gov.uk/connexions](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/connexions) > publications

## Online help

- **Kudos** - an online resource to help you match yourself to careers and generate ideas
- **Eclips** - where you can find up to date information on over 1200 careers, as well as general information on areas like Job search and CVs.

Whether you are at school or using one of our Connexions Centres in Solihull, you can access the above programs. See your Careers Co-ordinator or Personal Adviser to find out about any passwords you may need.

## Other useful Career Planning websites

### [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

This site has Apprenticeship vacancies as well as lots of information about types of Apprenticeships, including being an apprentice, the training involved, support and advice and further useful web links.

### [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk)

The Government website, it contains information on a range of topics for young people, including education and learning, employment, health and well being, money matters and much more. Advisers are available to offer information, advice and support between 8am and 2am everyday. Call free (from a landline) on 08080 013219; text on 07766 413219; textphone on 08000 968336; or email via online form.

### <https://nextstep.direct.gov.uk>

You can find details on over 750 Job Profiles here, plus help in writing a CV, getting a job, planning your career, advice and funding information.

### [www.nya.org.uk/youthinformation.com](http://www.nya.org.uk/youthinformation.com)

The National Youth Agency's on-line information service has advice on areas like your health, money, housing, relationships, sport, leisure and travel.

### [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

Information for students and parents on all aspects of Higher Education, including a course search facility, information on where to study, entry requirements, how to apply and student finance.

## Connexions Centres Contact details

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