



SIXTH FORM OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

18.09.2020

**WE HOPE YOU'VE HAD A GOOD WEEK AND ARE
STARTING TO SETTLE BACK IN!**

This weeks bulletin has a huge range of opportunities for you. Make sure you look through and register for the ones you're interested in.

As always if you have any questions just ask one of us in the Sixth Form Office.

The Sixth Form Team



WE'VE MOVED....

In case you hadn't noticed the Sixth Form Team have a new office. We're now based in the building next door to PA3. Come and say hello when you get a chance...one at a time of course!!



What is it? Unifrog is an online platform through which you can research: apprenticeships, university courses, a range of other Post 18 options and careers in general. It can also support your personal statement and CV writing.

The Sixth Form team and your Form Tutor will be able to see the progress you are making and support you accordingly. No matter what pathway you are considering Unifrog will be a great starting point for your research.

If you have any questions or any problems with logging on or completing any tasks please see Ms McGowan or Ms Darby.



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VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

In the light of the lockdown and many businesses still having to practice social distancing, work experience will be very hard to find. There are a number of virtual platforms that offer you the chance to experience different industries. Please see below for a range of different opportunities.

Already know what careers you are interested in?

Observe GP - is an alternative to work experience for aspiring medics aged 16 and over, who are living in the UK. It is a free interactive video platform providing insights into the role of a GP and the wider primary care team.

<https://bit.ly/3hFvOG7>

BSMSoutreach provides a 'virtual' work experience for those looking to apply to medical school. You will be introduced to the NHS before exploring the roles and skill sets of six different medical specialists. Along the way, you will also consider some of the challenges and wider issues doctors face

<https://bit.ly/2EdkovP>

Operating Theatre Live is for students interested in anatomy, biology and maybe thinking of a career in medicine. For 2020-2021 Operating Theatre Live is changing. In this revamped new series you'll step into the shoes of a real medical student. Come into the operating theatre with us to experience real surgery, learn how the organs function and boost your knowledge of how the human body works. An immersive point of view surgical experience like no other.

<https://bit.ly/3mx7VEI>

Freeformers Virtual Work Experience is offered through Barclays LifeSkills and gives students the chance to see the inner workings of Freeformers, and actively work with different departments on one exciting project, helping them solve problems and complete real-life tasks. You will need to register for this but all resources are free.

<https://bit.ly/3hHIZri>



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The lawyer portal offers work experience in law firms White & Case LLP, Pinsent Masons LLP and Linklaters LLP.

<https://bit.ly/35OTYMo>

Architecture and Design offers the opportunity to work on design and build projects with Halliday Fraser Munro, an award winning architecture and planning practice.

<https://bit.ly/3hKntRH>

KPMG – Our Discovery Virtual Work Experience programme has been designed with students like you in mind – bright, curious and enthusiastic. As well as giving you the chance to gain an invaluable overview of the professional services sector, this programme will give you an excellent virtual insight into the work we do, our culture and people and provide you with some interactive learning opportunities to enhance your skills.

<https://bit.ly/3iLUSgi>

Deloitte – Insight into Deloitte with access to virtual experiences and opportunities to explore a career with the organisation.

<https://bit.ly/3mB4IUe>

Design and Marketing Agency Hunter Bevan have set a challenge to create a new brand and marketing campaign for a Car Dealership. The site will allow you to download a project brief.

<https://bit.ly/3krPdwc>

Fancy Journalism as a career? The National Council for the Training of Journalists is launching a virtual summer school that you can subscribe to through YouTube. This supported by information and training opportunities through the NCTJ website

<https://bit.ly/3iJ6QHo>

PWC is offering the chance to develop your employability skills through live and interactive sessions starting on 1st July, a virtual programme open to students between Years 10 and 13. All resources are available until Monday 5th October.

<https://pwc.to/3kt3hWb>



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Vantage is a free online platform for students interested in legal careers, enabling them to be contacted directly by law firms with work experience of insight day opportunities. Vantage also provide online webinars and advice videos on social media to help students better understand how to access a legal career.

<https://bit.ly/3ktzZGV>

Not sure what you want to do yet? Have a look at these sites that will offer information about a range of careers.

Speakers for Schools is offering a variety of work experience placements across different industries. You need to register your details but all resources are free.

<https://bit.ly/3c7Z6w8>

Learn Live UK for an abundance of information videos and live events from different industries and careers and the opportunity to chat live with industry professionals

<https://bit.ly/32ELoOe>

InsideSherpa – Learn from top companies and set yourself apart. In our virtual work experience programs, top companies teach students the skills they hire for BEFORE they hire you. A free platform providing careers insights and online experience opportunities with companies like Goldman Sacs, JP Morgan and Deloitte.

<https://bit.ly/3hID7x5>

Movement to Work – a Variety of work placement and virtual opportunities from companies such as The Prince's Trust, Accenture and the Department of Education.

<https://bit.ly/3hIEH1J>



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Developing employability skills?

Be Ready- employability skills programme with a range of micro learning courses.

<https://bit.ly/3hJEgV4>

Accenture's Skills to Succeed Academy features innovative simulations providing a safe environment to practice for real life situations e.g. a job interview, first day in a new job. Students can choose from 36 bitesize, interactive modules focused on the "how to", empowering learners to take ownership of their job search. To find out more about how the Skills to Succeed Academy can be used please see the Getting Started Guide [here](#)

<https://bit.ly/3kv3eta>

Pathways CTM have a range of recorded webinars to support decision making, developing employability skills and ways in to work.

<https://bit.ly/3mAtNir>

MOOC or Furture Learn - free online courses to develop skills and demonstrate drive.

<https://www.mooc.org/> & <https://bit.ly/35Pj4L4>

Fledglink Skills builder workshops: a series of self development and work readiness digital workshops, including communication skills, productivity and organisation, building your mental health checklist, owning your story and others.

<https://fledglink.com/blog/skills-builder-framework/>

Want to learn a new skill? Find free, high quality digital and numeracy courses in

The SkillsToolkit <https://bit.ly/3myvugk>

NatWest Dream Bigger is a fully funded programme focused on developing transferable entrepreneurial skills in 16-18 year olds . Multiple dates to join the course through September.

<https://bit.ly/3hFBZdh>



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Barclays Lifeskills has a multitude of resources to help young people prepare for the future workplace.

<https://bit.ly/32F6Z9e>

Employability resources from PwC

PwC's Employability Skills Toolkit <https://pwc.to/3il8tFp>

PwC's Employability Hub <https://pwc.to/3ku8mOa>

There are also less interactive sessions where you can learn more about different industries and job roles:

Careers Badger : videos on YouTube providing an insight into some different careers.

<https://bit.ly/32HdHeQ>

The Nine to Five with Stacey Dooley - Advice and Stories from Stacey Dooley and five 16-18 year olds on the ultimate work experience across different industries.

<https://bbc.in/3hJOrJh>

Explore different roles in the NHS: Subscribe to Health Careers on YouTube to see what the professionals say about their different roles.

<https://bit.ly/35NIadh>

Rhod Gilbert Work Experience – a series of over 30 episodes currently available to watch on BBC Iplayer where Rhod Gilbert tries his hand at a variety of careers and gives a real insight into the role and what responsibilities it carries.

<https://bbc.in/2RADY8g>



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BIRMINGHAM

PATHWAYS TO BIRMINGHAM



Inspired@Birmingham

Our **Inspired@Birmingham** programme supports Year 12 students who are interested in applying to Russell Group universities. It aims to encourage and motivate students to achieve their full potential, and enable them to make a successful transition from KS4 to KS5.

Applications for the 2020/2021 programme will open in October 2020.

For more details: <https://bit.ly/3c8ukTJ>

Routes to the Professions



The **Routes to Professions** programme offers a unique opportunity for Year 12 students to gain a real insight into university study. It focuses on specific vocational courses and provides students with tailored support through the university application process.

Applications for the 2020/21 programme will open in October 2020 (date to be announced nearer the time).

For more details: <https://bit.ly/2Ft6INZ>



Access to Birmingham (A2B)

The **Access to Birmingham (A2B)** programme supports applicants to the University of Birmingham, who have little or no experience of higher education, discover what studying at university involves.

The University of Birmingham has a long history of welcoming students from a wide variety of social and cultural backgrounds. We were one of the first universities to set up a fair access scheme for local students in 2,000 and are proud to be able to offer prospective applicants the support of our A2B scheme if they are studying at one of our partner institutions.

Applications for A2B 2020/21 are now open.

For more details: <https://bit.ly/302p1Rd>

PATHWAYS TO BIRMINGHAM FAQs

Find the answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about Pathways to Birmingham (PTB), including how the benefits work, successful completion, applications and IT support. If you cannot find the answer to your question please email the team at a2b@contacts.bham.ac.uk who will be happy to assist you with your query. Students should include their home postcode and their current school/college in the subject line of their email enquiry.

For more details: <https://bit.ly/33CT0QI>



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POST 16 ACTIVITIES @ UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK



Pathways at Warwick is an engaging two year programme that gives students practical advice about university and the workplace in a particular sector, with the overall aim of leaving students feeling inspired and more confident about their future.

Students interested in a career in Law, Banking & Finance or Engineering will have access to academic lectures, employer engagement, CV and personal statement support in their retrospective stream. The programmes are two years long, starting in year 12 and finishing in year 13.

For more information and how to apply ...Download our brochure via this link: <https://bit.ly/3hGv8jO>



Pathways to Law

Pathways to Law is a programme that looks to inspire and support students to explore a range of careers in law and build essential knowledge, skills and confidence required to go on to higher education and the world of work.

The programme was established in 2006 by the Sutton Trust and the Legal Education Foundation, with generous support from our partner law firms and is the largest initiative of its nature. Pathways to Law was developed to widen access to the legal profession, as research by the Sutton Trust had shown that the top echelons of the professions were drawn from a narrow range of social backgrounds. The programme aims to raise students' aspirations and allow them to make informed decision about their future career. **For more details: <https://bit.ly/3kpzeyx>**



Pathways to Banking & Finance

Pathways to Banking and Finance is a programme that aims to inspire and support students to explore a range of careers in the banking and financial sectors, including accountancy, investment banking, tax and asset management. It has been developed to widen access to the financial sector following research which showed that 51% of leaders in the profession came from a narrow range of social backgrounds. **For more details : <https://bit.ly/2RCOCv8>**



Pathways to Engineering

Pathways to Engineering provides academic and sector-specific support for students who are interested in pursuing a career in Engineering.

At this point we will transition to a mixed delivery format where in person events run alongside the resources on Sutton Trust Online. You can still look forward to academic sessions, opportunities to hear from employers within the sector and support with writing personal statements. You will also have the opportunity to explore whether Engineering is the right path for you, and build the essential knowledge, skills and confidence required to go on to higher education and the world of work **For more details: <https://bit.ly/2ZRxwts>**



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InvestIN

Who We Are

InvestIN is a London-based organisation led by a group of experienced professionals from some of the world's most competitive careers. We exist to provide students with an immersive experience of their dream career before they start university, so they can get a head-start over their competition. More than 40,000 students from 80 different countries have attended our programmes, which take place both in-person in cities around the world, and online.

What We Do

We deliver immersive career experiences to students aged 15-18 who aspire to break into some of the world's most desirable industries. On our programmes we aim to create the 'ultimate work experience' through interactive simulations, site visits, seminars, networking sessions and career coaching guidance.

We offer experiences in 20 different careers, including STEM-related professions such as Medicine, Computer Science and Investment Banking, through to industries of interest to Humanities and Creative Arts students such as Filmmaking, Politics and Law. The full list can be found here.

On each programme, experienced professionals provide students with the following four foundations of a successful career:

Knowledge:

The fundamental concepts a student must know about the profession that can only be understood in a live, collaborative environment.

Experience:

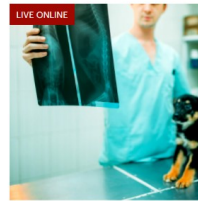
Real-life, interactive simulations followed by guided feedback, so that students truly walk in the shoes of that professional.

Advantage:

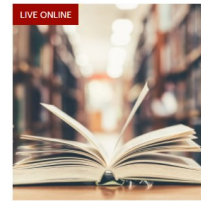
Coaching on the science of breaking into the most desirable jobs, all the way from A-level/IB and university choices to interviews, applications and assessment centres.

Network:

An opportunity to meet-and-greet high-ranking professionals, who can become invaluable mentors for students' future careers.



The Young Vet Programme
1-2 days on weekends



The Young Publisher Programme
1-2 days on weekends



The Young Music Producer Programme
1-2 days on weekends



The Young Management Consultant Programme
1-2 days on weekends



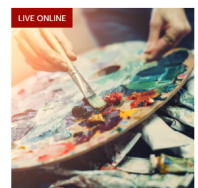
The Young International Development Expert Programme
1-2 days on weekends



The Young Fashion Designer Programme
1-2 days on weekends



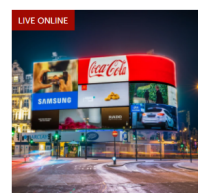
The Young Dentist Programme
1-2 days on weekends



The Young Artist Programme
1-2 days on weekends



The Young Filmmaker Programme
1-2 days on weekends



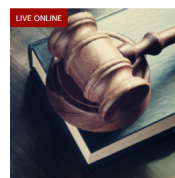
The Young Marketing Manager Programme
1-2 days on weekends



The Young Political Leader Programme
1-2 days on weekends



The Young Psychologist Programme
1-2 days on weekends



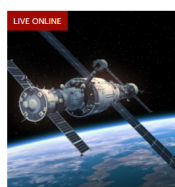
The Young Lawyer Programme
1-2 days on weekends



The Young Journalist Programme
1-2 days on weekends



The Young Investment Banker Programme
1-2 days on weekends



The Young Engineer Programme
1-2 days on weekends



The Young Doctor Programme
1-2 days on weekends



The Young Computer Scientist Programme
1-2 days on weekends



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UK university search



Virtual Fair - South West, West Midlands & Wales Fair

Wednesday 21st October 2020 -

Event Time: 12.00 - 18.00

Join us for our incredibly special online and interactive UK University Search Virtual Fair. The event will feature universities, apprenticeship providers and colleges from across the UK, as well as ten live webinars on essential topics such as UCAS personal statements, clearing, and student finance.

This event is especially for students, teachers and parents from the West Midlands, South West of England, and Wales.

We have designed an amazing online experience to allow you to explore a huge range of post-18 options. Our Virtual Fair will feature a wide range of exhibiting universities including Russell Group, red brick, modern and specialist institutions. This incredible event will enable you to visit exhibition stands and chat to representatives, view information and videos, download prospectuses and take part in live webinars in the virtual auditorium.

The event is completely free of charge to students, parents and teachers. We know the cancellation of open days and recruitment events, and changes to exams and admission procedures has made choosing your next steps more difficult. This fair is designed to provide you with everything you need to make the right decisions. We look forward to welcoming you to the event.

Please see the video below (which we created for our June virtual event) to find out how to get the most out of your visit.

[Register Now](#)

**FOR MORE DETAILS :<https://bit.ly/3kuijLn>
TO REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/32lwarr>**



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DIVE INTO DIGITAL



WHY ATTEND?

Attending one of our virtual events will give you the chance to discover more about life at PwC. During this interactive presentation, you'll find out about our apprenticeships, degree programmes and work experience, and you'll hear from our people. You'll pick up lots of information about the work we do and the application process, to help you to decide which of our career options interests you most and how to get there. In this session, we'll focus particularly on the work we do with Technology, how we help our clients, and what it takes to pursue a career in this exciting, fast-changing sector.

Once you have signed up we will provide you with the details of how you can login in to this exciting and interactive virtual online session.

Want to know what opportunities PwC have for you after you leave school or college?

**THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER
10.00 - 11.30**

WHAT WILL THE SESSION INVOLVE?

Find out more about PwC's Technology degree apprenticeship programme, a course that will provide you with a salary, paid tuition fees and work experience. Join us in a welcoming environment to discover where a career with PwC could take you – and how far you could go. You could walk away with some great ideas about your future.

WHO IS THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR?

This is suitable for Year 12 & 13 students aiming to achieve high grades at A Level or equivalent, including Mathematics, Computer Science or Computing.

To sign up, email
suzie.bell@aheadpartnership.org.uk



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DIVE INTO ACCOUNTANCY



WHY ATTEND?

Attending one of our virtual events will give you the chance to discover more about life at PwC. During this interactive presentation, you'll find out about our apprenticeships, degree programmes and work experience, and you'll hear from our people. You'll pick up lots of information about the work we do and the application process, to help you to decide which of our career options interests you most and how to get there. In this session, we'll focus particularly on the work we do with Accountancy, how we help our clients, and what it takes to pursue a career in this exciting, fast-changing sector.

Once you have signed up we will provide you with the details of how you can login in to this exciting and interactive virtual online session.

Want to know what opportunities PwC have for you after you leave school or college?

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER
10.00 - 11.30

WHAT WILL THE SESSION INVOLVE?

This interactive session will tell you about our school leaver programme and the opportunities we offer.

Join us in a welcoming environment to discover where a career with PwC could take you – and how far you could go. You could walk away with some great ideas about your future.

WHO IS THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR?

This is suitable for Year 12 & 13 students aiming to achieve high grades at A Level or equivalent in any subjects.

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Get your dream job with Uptree

Are you a school leaver or gap year student looking to apply to a top apprenticeship? Sign up to Get Employed - Uptree's term-time course to help you achieve

Workshops include:

- CV review
- Tailoring your application
- Interview practice
- Assessment centres
- Aptitude tests



Workshops are on Tuesday 4pm-5pm, hosted on Zoom. Mix and match which sessions are most important to you.

Find out more and register for Get Employed here:
uptree.co/events/uptree

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SIR DOUG ELLIS PATHWAY TO HEALTHCARE PROGRAMME AT ASTON UNIVERSITY

Applications for the next cohort on the Sir Doug Ellis Pathway to Healthcare Programme are now open and will be live until Friday 2nd October 2020. As part of Aston Medical School's commitment to continual improvement, this year applications will be completed via an [online form](#).

Who is the pathway for?

Places on the Pathway to Healthcare Programme are open to students entering Year 12 in September 2020 at a non-selective school/college in the Birmingham, Solihull or the Black Country region. Students must have a genuine interest in pursuing a career within Medicine or healthcare. Over the 18 month programme, which students complete alongside studying for their A-Levels, successful applicants will be given the opportunity to take part in various enrichment activities. This includes healthcare subject taster days, A-Level Revision boot camps, academic tutoring and specialist university application and interview preparation workshops.

What are the requirements?

Places on the programme are offered on a competitive basis. Students who apply should fulfil the key eligibility criteria listed on the Aston University website [here](#).

Should you have any questions or queries about the pathway, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Fullwood, Widening Participation Manager, pathwaytohealthcare@aston.ac.uk. There is also a video which explains the pathway in more detail for you and your students which can be found [here](#).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJFNZh5bxgw>

AIMHIGHER ONLINE SUPPORT

Got a question? Chat to us online! We are here to chat to students and answer any questions.

Talk to a member of our online support team through The Access Platform on our [website](#). Each adviser has a short bio telling you a bit about themselves and what they studied at school/university to help you decide who to chat to.

We're always happy to help and answer any question!

You can also access our wide range of online resources by visiting the [Home Learning page](#), with resources available for students, teachers, careers advisers, as well as parents and carers.

[CLICK HERE TO CHAT TO US TODAY](#)

<https://bit.ly/2FnqrhL>



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SIGN UP TO OUR WEBINARS

Get prepared for university with our free weekly webinars, virtual subject talks & taster sessions.

Find out more & sign-up at: reading.ac.uk/virtual-events



**APPLYING TO
UNIVERSITY**



**STUDENT
LIFE TALK**



**CHOOSING YOUR
COURSE AND
UNIVERSITY**



**HOW TO WRITE A
PERSONAL STATEMENT**



**STUDENT
FINANCE**



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Bespoke sessions for schools and colleges also available on request, or email outreach@reading.ac.uk to find out more.



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BE ENTERTAINED. GET TRAINED. GO FAR.

Apprentice Nation knows you nurture and develop amazing young people. Apprentice Nation's vision is a Britain where apprenticeships and university are equally valued and we want to get your young people involved.

Our aim is to raise awareness of apprenticeships among diverse groups of young people, as well as providing them with fundamental skills for the future.

YOUR FIRST STEPS INTO THE WORLD OF WORK

GetMyFirstJob offers you a whole new way to find Apprenticeships, Degree Apprenticeships, Work Experience and Graduate opportunities to get ahead. It's not just a search tool – we'll connect you with the Best Employers, Colleges & Providers and Universities to get you on the right track faster.

<https://bit.ly/3ioPOhq>



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FREE EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS WORKSHOP

The A to Z of
SUPER CONFIDENCE

UCB
employabilityuk
Creating powerful partnerships

With the current Covid-19 situation and companies making operating cuts on a daily basis, employment for young people is going to get tougher. Your key to ensure you 'stand out from the crowd' is your employability skills.

Our next Employability Skills Workshop will be from 14.00 – 16.00 hrs on Wednesday 14th October. Places are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

After completing the workshop, you can have access to our 360Extranet online resources for further learning.

If you're aged between 16 and 24 and would like to boost your employment prospects, register now at: www.employabilityuk.org



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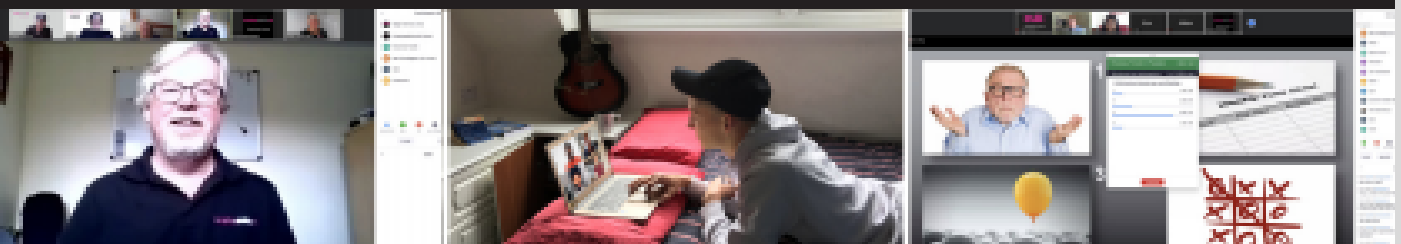
No matter what your plans for the future, if you feel like you could use some extra skills and guidance, our online workshop is for you.

As part of our 'Inspiring Young Birmingham' programme, this unique workshop is designed to develop your confidence, improve your employability skills and increase your chances of success in the workplace.

During the workshop you will:

- Hear from a leading trainer on the A-Z of Super Confidence
- Understand why you need to build your personal brand
- Gain a better understanding of workplace behaviours
- Learn how to create a vision for your future
- How to volunteer for the 2022 Commonwealth Games

Our workshops take place entirely on Zoom – so all you need is a phone, tablet or laptop to get involved.



employabilityuk



To register click this link: www.employabilityuk.org

Find out more about the work we do with young people at <https://employabilityuk.org> and social media. You can call us on 0345 601 5551.

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