

Virtual experience and the labour market

These tasks relate to building experience and understanding the job market.

Labour market information (LMI) tells us which jobs are in demand or disappearing; what kinds of salaries we can expect; opportunities in a particular city or region; or routes into particular careers.

LMI is particularly important right now as we try to make sense of changes to work due to the pandemic and Brexit. Find out about the fourth industrial revolution and what it means for your future. Using LMI wisely can help you to future-proof your career. You can get support to make sense of LMI from the Careers Team at school.

Building experience

Barclays Life Skills (general experience)

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-virtual-work-experience/school/virtual-work-experience>

Spend an hour experiencing work at a digital agency. Freeformers is a UK-based digital transformation agency that helps companies and organisations embrace technology, digital products and skills. You'll need to register on Barclays LifeSkills to get started (follow the link above).

Time (up to 1 hour)

Watch work experience programmes on BBC iPlayer

You may need to register if you don't have BBC iPlayer already. Although these series are focused on entertaining the audience, they do provide some useful insight into job roles and the workplace.

Rhod Gilbert Work Experience

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00zf3m1>

The 9 to 5 with Stacey Dooley

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06zhf9j>

It's not too late to:

Find virtual work experience

Some of the work experience opportunities on the ideas list (tinyurl.com/yast556n) are still open for application or are for self-directed study at any time. It's not too late to take part. You could also book in for events taking place later in the year.

Book in for company insight days

Search online for company insight days where you get to hear more about a company, their values and their opportunities; a great way to find out if a company is right for you. These are more common with larger companies. You can search on company websites or websites like www.studentladder.co.uk or www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk. A good alternative if you have struggled to find experience.

Plan ahead for summer experience

Look out for university summer schools or work-based summer experiences in a wide range of job sectors (creative, performing arts, science, engineering, heritage etc): see Summer Schemes 2021.

The labour market

Quick watch/read:

- 21 More Jobs of the Future: <https://youtu.be/njwHmeYyfSc>
- The Future of Skills: <https://youtu.be/pQ29V-qdfUM>
- The perils of the gig economy, BBC Click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MeOPSzeZG-o>
- What is the 4th Industrial revolution?, CNBC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9rZOa3CUC8>
- Will a robot take my job? BBC (quick quiz): <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-34066941>
- Careerometer (quickly compare job salaries & growing/declining jobs): <https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/careerometer/>
- Shape your Future in South Yorkshire: [*Shape your Future Guide to Careers in South Yorkshire*](#)

Dig deeper:

- South Yorkshire LMI Update (Feb 2021) (see doc below)
- The Future of Work (see doc below)
- What do graduates do? 2020-2021 (graduate destinations): <https://luminate.prospects.ac.uk/what-do-graduates-do>

See LMI on <https://bespoke.careercompanion.co.uk/libraries/index> for more resources. You shouldn't need to log-in to Career Companion; if it asks for this, please select Student Login on www.meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk and click on the Career Companion logo that appears in the student portal.