

Into the Future Opportunity Awareness for 6th Form Students



What are your options after sixth form?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxYtd-tuQhg>

This video is aimed at students who have just collected their A level results but includes information about the options available to you.

The Options

- Take a Gap Year.
- Find an Apprenticeship.
- Get some work experience through volunteering.
- Find a job.
- Resit exams.
- Complete a Further Education course.

<http://www.careerswales.com/en/jobs-and-training/job-seeking/i-need-experience/volunteering/>

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- Vacancy search
- Find a vacancy
- I need experience

Volunteering

- Training and courses
- Work experience and internships
- Sell yourself well
- The job market
- Unemployment and redundancy
- Working for yourself
- Starting work
- Returning to work

Volunteering

There are many reasons why people give their time to volunteer. They support organisations that they feel passionate about, but they also develop lifelong skills and gain essential experience. Through volunteering they meet people from all walks of life, gain new perspectives and broaden their horizons.

You too could do so through becoming a volunteer.

Why volunteer?

- Volunteering is about giving your time, freely and unpaid, to do something useful.
- By volunteering, even for just a couple of hours a week, you could increase your job prospects and increase your skills a lot.
- Recording a period of voluntary work really looks good on your CV. Many people will be impressed that you have done something worthwhile in your free time.
- Volunteering can help you increase your self-esteem and self-confidence as you learn new skills, meet new people and develop new interests.
- You will make new friends, experience new challenges and increase your confidence.
- Becoming a volunteer is rewarding. Volunteers often feel good 'giving something back to society' through helping others.
- You could choose from thousands of different opportunities in this country and abroad.
- There are opportunities if you have only a few hours to spare or if you are able to give a far greater commitment.
- Charities and community groups constantly need volunteers to help them to improve other people's lives.
- You may have reached a stage in your life where you want to 'put something back' into your community - or share your skills. Some people even kick-start a brand new career for themselves.
- Volunteering can be a good way to fill part of your gap year.
- Volunteering could help you to gain necessary skills and experience, especially if

Vacancies

Search for jobs, apprenticeships, or Jobs Growth Wales vacancies

Universal Jobmatch

GOV.UK

Help and advice

- Be the best you can
- Stay motivated?

More information

- Skills for employment
- Voluntary opportunities in the UK
- Voluntary work overseas

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Gap Year



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Article: Higher Education - Taking a Gap Year

Summary

This article looks at opportunities available to people who want to take a year out before going on to college or university.

Video: - Various: Gap Year



Introduction

After more than ten years of school, homework, studying and exams, for some people it's time to take a break before they go to college or university. For some, taking a year off can turn out to be the experience of a lifetime.

The important thing is to weigh up the pros and cons of taking a year out, make some firm decisions about what you intend to do, and then plan carefully to make sure that everything goes well.

Good things that could come from your gap year

Gap Year

What you could do:

- Travel.
- Teach abroad.
- Volunteer to work on a project at home or abroad.
- Work in a paid position to save some money for university.
- Gain some unpaid work experience.
- Undertake further study or training.



The Pros and Cons of a Gap Year



Pros:

- You may feel more motivated when you return to learning.
- You may have the chance to work or study in an area related to your course.
- You may have the opportunity to travel, see new places and have new experiences.
- If you decide on paid work you can earn some money to help finance your degree.
- You could gain a sense of real personal achievement through your gap year activities.
- A year of more independent living can mean that you are more mature when you begin university.
- If you decide to work or volunteer you can gain new skills and develop existing ones.

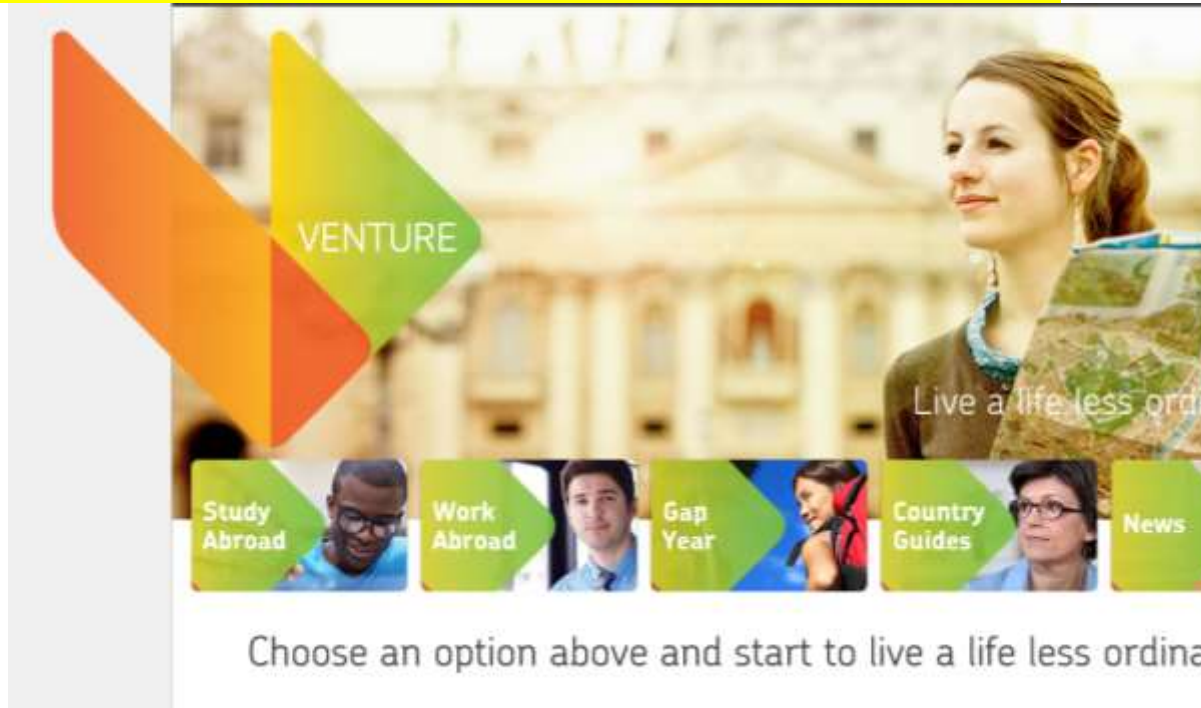
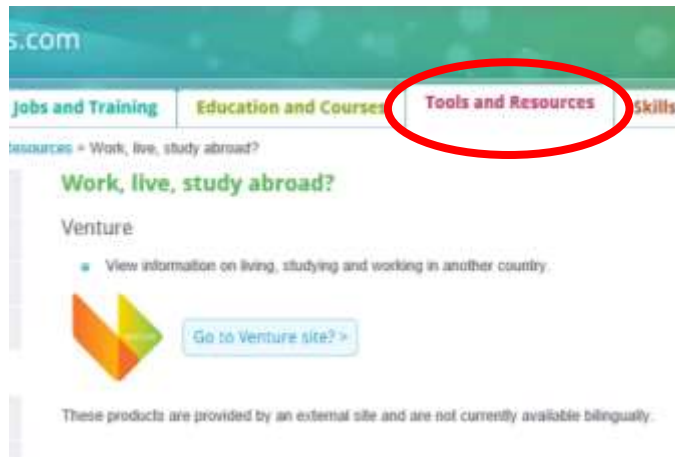
Cons:

- You may find it hard to settle back into your studies.
- You may not be able to discipline yourself for independent study when you return.
- It could be expensive, for example if you decide to travel or do unpaid work experience.
- Your friends may go off to university while you will be a year behind them.
- If you don't spend it productively this could give employers a bad impression.

Things to Consider

- If you want to take a gap year, you'll need to decide what you want to do and then plan it carefully.
- Make sure you understand your reasons for a gap year.
- Research the options so you make the right decisions.
- Gap year organisations can be helpful, but you don't have to use one.
- Set yourself goals, so you know what you want to accomplish in your year out.
- Plan your finances, so you don't get into debt. Think about how much you need to earn and/or how much you will spend.

Work or Study Abroad



Choose an option above and start to live a life less ordinary...



Apprenticeships



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUhGk9urCuk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90NL-aDCenw>

 **Prentisiaethau Apprenticeships**

WHO?
Aged 16 or over

WHAT?
An Apprenticeship is a job that includes working towards a nationally recognised qualification. There are three levels of Apprenticeships: Foundation Apprenticeship, Apprenticeship and Higher Apprenticeship, because different jobs need different levels of qualifications.

WHY?
Being an apprentice gives you the opportunity to gain a recognised qualification and develop professional skills, whilst earning a salary.



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Some Facts

- Over 130,000 businesses across the UK offer Apprenticeships.
- The number of apprenticeships has grown has risen by nearly 20% since 2010.
- You can gain a degree with an apprenticeship in subjects ranging from accountancy to law and engineering.

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How did I secure a job after finishing my degree?
Hannah's story



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grBu-e8ZlEM>

Jobs Growth Wales

WHO?

Aged 16-24 year olds

WHAT?

Jobs Growth Wales opportunities give you the chance to gain six months' experience in a proper job, earning at least the National Minimum Wage.

WHY?

Getting that all important first job can be tough if you lack experience. Jobs Growth Wales gives you the opportunity if you are job-ready and just need a chance to gain that experience.



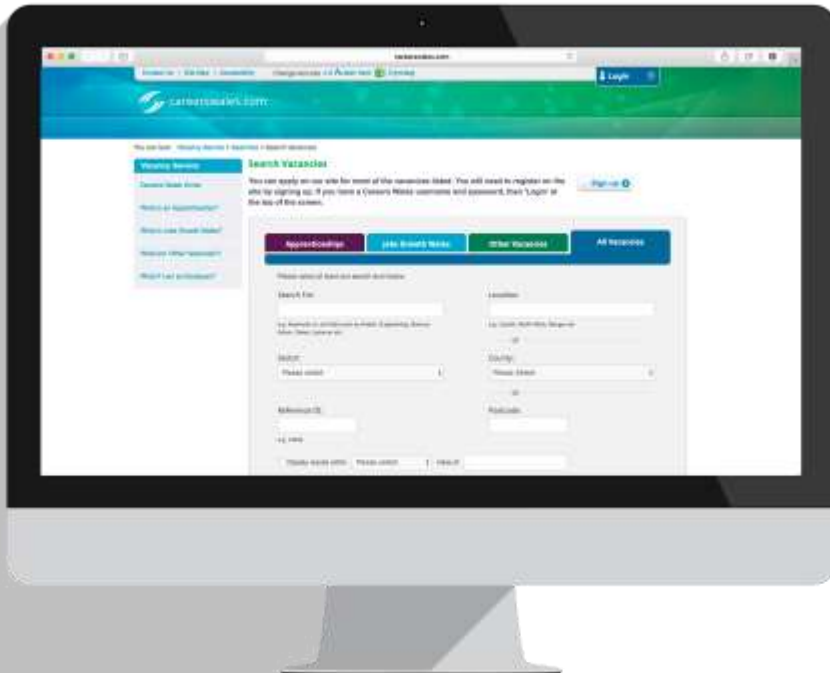
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Find a Training Opportunity



Search the vacancy database on www.careerswales.com for Jobs Growth Wales, Apprenticeships and other vacancies.

careerswales.com/vacancies

Vacancy Search

You are here: Vacancy Service > Searches > Search Vacancies

Vacancy Service

Careers Wales Home

What is an Apprenticeship?

What is Jobs Growth Wales?

What are 'Other Vacancies'?

What if I am an Employer?

Search Vacancies

You can apply on our site for most of the vacancies listed. You will need to register on the site by signing up. If you have a Careers Wales username and password, then 'Login' at the top of the screen.

[Sign up](#)

Apprenticeships

Jobs Growth Wales

Other Vacancies

All Vacancies

Please select at least one search term below.

Search For:

Engineering X

e.g. Keywords or Job titles such as Health, Engineering, Science, Admin, Sales, Labourer etc.

Location:

e.g. Llanelli, Builth Wells, Bangor etc

or

Sector:

Please select

County:

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or

Reference ID:

e.g. 12345

Postcode:

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<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Default.aspx?mode=vacancy>

Apprenticeships (23)

Jobs Growth Wales (1)

Other Vacancies (2)

All Vacancies (26)

We found 26 results

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Vacancy Ref	Vacancy	Sector	Employer	Learning Provider	Location	Pay	Closing Date
35498	Apprentice Electrical Engineer	Engineering	Not Displayed	XR TRAINING & CONSULTANCY (WBL)	Pontypridd	£3.30ph for 1st year of training, then NMW entitlement for remainder of programme.	07/08/2016
35491	Apprentice HGV Technician	Engineering	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service	CARDIFF AND VALE COLLEGE APPRENTICESHIPS (LEAD PROVIDER OF QSA) (WBL)	Fleet & Engineering Workshops, Forest View Business Park, Llantrisant	£177 to 257 per week	25/07/2016
35463	Quality Assurance Apprentice	Engineering	Silflex Manufacturing Ltd, Pontyclun	TSW TRAINING LTD (WBL)	Pontyclun	dependent on skills and experience	19/08/2016
35441	Apprentice Electrical Engineer	Engineering	Not Displayed	XR TRAINING & CONSULTANCY (WBL)	Cardiff	£3.30ph as a first year apprentice, then NMW entitlement once first year has been completed.	30/07/2016
35435	Stainless Steel Polisher	Engineering	Axiom Process Ltd		Swansea	£7.20 per hour	22/07/2016
35427	Apprentice Mechanical Engineer	Engineering	Not Displayed	XR TRAINING & CONSULTANCY (WBL)	Port Talbot	£3.30 ph for 1st year of training, then NMW entitlement thereafter	29/07/2016
35395	Apprentice Multi-Skilled Engineers	Engineering	Kingspan Ltd	COLEG CAMBRIA (WBL)	Holywell	Starting wage is £288 per week	31/08/2016
35363	Engineering Apprentice	Engineering	Not Displayed	TSW TRAINING LTD (WBL)	Pontyclun	to be discussed	19/08/2016
35318	Manual Pilot	Transport and Logistics	UAVE Limited		Llandysul	up to £25,000 per year	31/07/2016
35237	Apprentice Welder & Fabricator	Engineering	Not Displayed	XR TRAINING & CONSULTANCY (WBL)	Porth	£3.30ph for 1st year of training, then NMW entitlement thereafter	26/07/2016

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Jobs and Training page on careerswales.com

The screenshot shows the 'Jobs and Training' section of the careerswales.com website. The header includes navigation links: Home, Your Career, Jobs and Training (active), Education and Courses, Tools and Resources, Skills Gateway, and Contact Us. A sidebar on the left lists categories like Job seeking, The job market, Unemployment and redundancy, Working for yourself, Starting work, and Returning to work, along with a 'Share this page' section. The main content area is titled 'Jobs and Training' and features a search bar with filters for Job Vacancies, Apprenticeships, Jobs Growth Wales, and Training. Below this, there's a section for finding skills and qualifications, a 'Sound familiar?' section with sticky notes for Update CV, Social Media, and Interview Techniques, and a 'What opportunities are out there?' section with Job Trend articles. A 'We have information on...' section displays six categories with images: Job seeking, The job market, Unemployment and redundancy, Working for yourself, Returning to work, and Starting work. On the right, there are several widgets: 'Career Search' with a search bar and a 'Let us help you get started' link; 'Find employers who offer apprenticeships' with a link to find employers; 'Popular pages' listing Unemployment and redundancy, Job seeking, What is an Apprenticeship?, Self employment, and CVs; 'Prentisaethu Apprenticeships' with a logo; 'Jobs Growth Wales' with a logo; 'Job Matching Quiz' with a logo; and two vacancy listings for 'New Vacancy: #FileAdministrator in #Cardiff' and 'New Vacancy: #CaseWorker in #Cardiff', both with closing dates of 31/10/2016 and links to job CVs.

Check out our new apprenticeship page



The banner features a purple background with the text 'Find employers who offer apprenticeships' in white. Below the banner, the same text is repeated in a smaller font on a light blue background.

Employers who offer apprenticeships

View our list of some of the larger employers who take on apprentices.



[View employers](#)
- by type of apprenticeship



[Find a specific employer](#)
- on our A-Z List



[Find apprenticeship vacancies](#)
- on Apprenticeship Matching Service



[Get help](#)
- with Application Forms and CVs

Search for Apprenticeships:



Let's talk



Phone: 0800 028 4844



[Webchat](#)



[Email us](#)



[Our centres](#)

Find out more:

- [What is an Apprenticeship?](#)

Search for employers yourself with tips on:

- [6 great ways to find a company to work for](#)
- [Using social media to find a job](#)

View job websites:

Apprenticeships may also be advertised on job sites:

- [Job websites](#)

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Job Search

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29VNbJNK2Rs>

Year 13 Timeline

If you're interested in apprenticeships speak to your Careers Adviser from December onwards to find out more

Deadline for UCAS applications

Attend University or Job interviews

Exams begin

A Level Results

2017

September

December

2018

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

Start to think about your Career Plans even if you have no intention of applying to University. Whatever you do will need planning in advance

Check the vacancies and apprenticeship pages on careerswales.com on a weekly basis from December

Confirm your Options

Research

Why not carry on your research online by using these links?

Careers Wales Website - www.careerswales.com	
Site Link	Information
www.careerswales.com/careersearch	Career Search – A wide range of job information at a glance
www.careerswales.com/vacancies	Vacancies – Our current job and Apprenticeship vacancies
www.careerswales.com.jobmatchingquiz	Job Matching Quiz – Matches jobs to your interests
www.careerswales.com/en/tools-and-resources/job-information/	Job Information – Leaflets, case studies and videos on 100's of jobs
www.careerswales.com/jobtrends	Job Trends - Current and future demand for jobs by sector
www.careerswales.com/en/your-career/features-1/apprentice-employers/	View a list of some of the larger employers who take on apprentices

Other Resources

Other Useful Websites	
www.ucas.com	University course search
www.prospects.ac.uk	Information on jobs and applying for university
https://www.gov.uk/jobsearch	Job search
www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk	National job and apprenticeship search
www.notgoingtouni.co.uk	Search for apprenticeships, gap year, distance learning and jobs
www.yearoutgroup.org	Gap year Information
www.gapadvice.org	Gap Year Information
www.getingofar.gov.uk	Apprenticeship information
www.businesswales.gov.wales/	Starting your own business
www.princes-trust.org.uk	Starting your own business
www.volunteering-wales.net/	Volunteering opportunities
www.gwirvol.org/	Volunteering opportunities

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