



Careers Newsletter

13th May 2020

We're into week 8 of Lockdown, and although the government's announcements on Sunday did change some things, there's still a long way to go. Think you could do better? Then have a go at being an MP for a week, an online game by the UK Parliament. Who knows, you might get a taste for politics!: https://learning.parliament.uk/resources/mp-for-a-week/?utm_campaign=0420-mar-vrs-newsletter_virtualvisit&utm_medium=email&utm_source=visitparliament&mc_cid=72f516bbbd&mc_eid=e96543c3a7

14th May: Industry Insights – Women in STEM

For the second in ALET's series of Industry Insight Talks we welcome **Louisa Wilson**, Senior Principal Engineer at **Arm**, **Gisela Rossi**, software engineer working on cybersecurity at **Tessian**, **Grace Fenemore**, an Apprentice from **Science and Technology Facilities Council** and **Beth Probert**, Graduate Apprentice in the Intelligent Systems Expertise Centre at **Altran** on Thursday 14th May at 2pm LIVE on Microsoft Teams!

Louisa, Gisela, Grace and Beth shall talk about their careers, what it's like being a woman working in a STEM career, as well as giving tips for those wanting to start a career in STEM.

For more information and to register for the link to the livestream online event visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/industry-insights-women-in-stem-tickets-105108696942>

15th May: Speakers4Schools – Fawaz (Fuzzy) Bitar

Speakers4Schools have a wide range of virtual talks on offer, including this offering from Fawaz (Fuzzy) Bitar, Senior Vice President of BP. It is suitable for KS4 and 5 and is airing on Friday 15th May at 10am. Fuzzy will talk about his career, with a focus on the power of developing resilience. He has given this speech before and it is a very motivational and engaging talk for young people. The link to join is: <https://bit.ly/3fse5lV>

University of Salford – Virtual Offerings

The University of Salford are aware that it is really important that they continue to support and provide students with as much key information as possible as they begin their research into their future choices. As such, they have developed a number of short presentations that are now available to watch online (<https://beta.salford.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/video-presentations>), including; Introduction to Higher Education; Writing Personal Statements; Introduction to Student Finance; Why Study at Salford?; Study Skills. They will also be updating this page with academic content as and when it becomes available. These presentations are suitable for staff and parents/carers to watch too. They are also offering a bi-weekly virtual Q&A session, where members of the Recruitment Team will be available to answer any higher education-related questions students may have. These will be running on Tuesdays (1100-1200) and Thursdays (1400-1500) and students are welcome to drop-in with any of their queries. If they register their interest in advance, we'll send them a reminder email to log in on the morning of the next session.



Amazing Apprenticeships: Online Provision

We normally have representatives from Amazing Apprenticeships in college a few times a year in order to help students navigate the maze of apprenticeship options out there. They have now moved their provision online, but are still providing invaluable support. Their webinars are designed for teachers, but could be very useful for students wanted to find out more about the world of Apprenticeships. There are live webinars that are then available afterwards as a recording.

12th May - **How to help your students to search for jobs in the current market.** If you would like to access a recording of the webinar (or any of the past webinars) please click here <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/teacher-webinars/>

13th May - **Practical ways to help students to boost their employability skills during lockdown with Network Rail.** You can also register to attend this free webinar through this link <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/teacher-webinars/>

WhiteHat: Support for Apprentices

Further support for those considering Apprenticeships is given by WhiteHat. Amongst other things they are featuring profiles of and articles by apprentices on their website at the moment. In this link you can meet Prisha, a Digital Marketing Apprentice at Google UK. Prisha shares her story of how she obtained her dream role and how a long-life illness didn't hold her back: <https://community.whitehat.org.uk/news/279314>

Deadline 31st May: IMechE & EqualEngineers Covid-19 Challenge

A reminder for anyone in need of a challenge during Lockdown that the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and EqualEngineers, who aim to improve diversity and inclusion of under-represented groups in the engineering sector, have launched their Covid-19 Challenge!

'What are the problems YOU, and your community are facing in daily life due to coronavirus? We are being exposed to issues around us in a way we are not used to, and at EqualEngineers we think it is time for action. We are looking for creative and out-of-this-world ideas, to help tackle the effects of Covid-19 around you. Be as imaginative as you can! Be it as a team, with your school, college or university mates, get your friends, grand-parents or kids together to pitch in with your innovative solutions to help defeat coronavirus. You can be as creative as you want in sharing it too, feel free to make explanatory videos, and make your solution open-source for the world to use.'

The deadline for submission is 31st May. For more information and to join in with the challenge visit: <https://equalengineers.com/covid-19-challenge/>



Work It – Careers & Enterprise Company Talks

Last week we introduced you to the series of youtube profiles connecting young people with stories from slightly older peers who have recently made that transition into the workplace from education. These profiles have been published by The Careers & Enterprise Company and this week they have a new one!

Meet Alex a bright and brilliant gov.uk apprentice in the Cabinet Office. As a disabled person he's had different things to consider when making choices about uni and choosing his career. His message is a determined mindset can overcome any obstacle:

<https://bit.ly/2YWx9mr>

Alex is telling you his own story – and with that, CEC hope that these stories inspire and reassure you about the world of work.

Online Resources for Careers

As ever, some useful links for careers information and guidance.

Careers Research

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk> – click on job profiles

www.icould.com – careers info by sector, plus personality quiz

www.careersbox.co.uk – careers info by sector

Apprenticeships

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk>

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk>

Job Search

www.gov.uk/jobsearch / www.indeed.co.uk / www.fish4jobs.co.uk / www.jobsite.co.uk

Universities

www.push.co.uk/Uni-Chooser - course generator for those interested in Uni, but unsure what to study.

www.ucas.com – the official website for information about universities

www.whatuni.com – course finder which enables you to search for courses.

<http://Unistats.direct.gov.uk> – government website comparing data from all undergraduate HE courses.

www.studential.com – general advice on applications