



# October opportunities for 16 to 24-year-olds in Plymouth!

Looking for opportunities to develop new skills, access training or education, and gain experience to find your dream job or career? The Skills Launchpad Youth Hub can help. Every month we put together the latest opportunities across the city - look through and if anything catches your eye, please get in touch with our Youth Hub Co-ordinators Katie or Sandra. Or if you're not yet connected, [sign up as a member here](#).

Don't forget you can help yourself to Plymouth-based information, advice and guidance through our Youth Hub Resource Bank [here](#) and check out the latest opening hours [here](#).

## Weekly delivery at Skills Launchpad Plymouth

For anyone interested in Plymouth's growth sectors (the ones where there are lots of job opportunities), Skills Launchpad Plymouth hosts sector sessions. Join our experienced sector co-ordinators for practical advice and guidance, and to discuss the latest skills, training, and job opportunities.

### WHAT'S ON

at Cobourg House, Mayflower Street

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#### **Mondays:**

**Caring Plymouth** – sector focus on health, social care and childcare

**Youth Hub** – support for 16- to 24-year-olds (appointment only)

#### **Tuesdays:**

**Youth Hub** – support for 16- to 24-year-olds (appointment only)

**Building Plymouth** – sector focus on construction and the built environment

#### **Wednesdays:**

**Welcoming Plymouth** – sector focus on tourism, hospitality and retail

**Youth Hub** – support for 16- to 24-year-olds (appointment only)

#### **Thursdays:**

**Youth Hub** – support for 16- to 24-year-olds (appointment only)

#### **Fridays:**

**Youth Hub** – support for 16- to 24-year-olds (appointment only)

## Upcoming Events

### Training and apprenticeship drop-in session - Thursday 1 October

Are you aged 16 to 24 and leaving education or thinking about your next steps in training or work? Come along to our Training and Apprenticeship Drop-in Session and get the support you need.

You'll have the opportunity to chat with local providers, including Achievement Training, City College Plymouth, Focus Training, Greenlight Safety and Training, On Course South West and Skills Group, as well as our Youth Hub team.

-  Thursday 1 October
-  10am to 1pm
-  First floor, Cobourg House, Mayflower Street

[Click here](#) for more information

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### Greenlight Safety and Training – Bricklaying, Groundworks and Plastering open day – Friday 2 October

Could an apprenticeship in construction be the right path for you? Greenlight's **Bricklaying, Groundworks and Plastering open day** is an opportunity to learn more about the routes into the industry and the careers available across the sector. Meet the training team, explore the facilities and discover how an apprenticeship can help you gain valuable skills while earning and learning.

Whether you're leaving school, considering a change of direction or looking at your post-16 options, you'll be able to speak to experts about apprenticeship vacancies, entry requirements, training programmes and progression opportunities. You'll also have the chance to see the training environment for yourself and find out what employers are looking for in the next generation of construction professionals.

-  Friday 2 October
-  10am to 1pm
-  Unit C-E, Huxley Close, Plympton, PL7 4JN

[Click here](#) for book your place

## Plymouth Marjon University – open day – Saturday 3 October

Plymouth Marjon University (officially the University of St Mark and St John) is a welcoming, student-centred university offering a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. Its open days and experience events give you a chance to explore the campus, meet lecturers and students, and find out about courses, careers and student life.

The main campus Open Day of the year where prospective students can tour facilities, attend course talks, meet staff and explore accommodation and support services.

### What to expect:

- Subject-specific talks and Q&A sessions with lecturers
- Insight into student life, clubs and societies
- Advice on admissions, support services and career pathways

 Saturday 3 October

 9am to 3pm

 Plymouth Marjon University, Derriford Road, Derriford, Plymouth PL6 8BH

[Click here](#) for more information

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## Launchpad Live – Tuesday 6 October

Looking for your next opportunity or some career inspiration? Launchpad Live brings together leading employers and training providers from across the South West, all under one roof.

From interactive activities and practical demonstrations to careers advice and training information, there's plenty to explore. The **3pm to 5pm session is open to the public, and no booking is required.**

 Tuesday 6 October

 3.15pm to 5pm

 Plymouth Life Centre

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## Health and Social Care Careers Showcase – Friday 16 October

Looking to start, change or progress your career in health and social care? Don't miss our Health and Social Care Careers Showcase, where you'll have the chance to meet more than 20 recruiting employers and adult social care providers, all looking to connect with local talent.

Discover a wide range of opportunities, from healthcare assistants and support workers to nursing, homecare, rehabilitation, catering, domestic and administrative roles. Whether you're exploring the sector for the first time or looking to take the next step in your career, you can also find out about training, apprenticeships and progression pathways.

 Friday 16 October

 10am to 3pm

 Fourth Floor, Cobourg House, Mayflower Street

 Find out more and register here: [Careers Showcase in Health and Social Care Tickets, Friday, October 16 • 10 AM - 3 PM | Eventbrite](#)

## Access Creative – open day – Saturday 17 October

Access Creative College is hosting its first Open Day of the academic year on Saturday 17 October, offering the perfect opportunity to discover what student life is really like and get inspired early in your application journey.

Take a tour of their industry-standard facilities, meet current students and tutors, explore their creative courses, and find out everything you need to take your next step. Whether you're passionate about music, media, gaming or performance, this is your chance to imagine your future at Access Creative College.

 Saturday 17 October

 6 Elizabeth Court, Higher Lane, Plymouth, PL1 2AN

 Find out more and register here: [Open Day - 17th October 2026 - Access Creative College](#)

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## University of Plymouth – Undergraduate on-campus open day – Saturday 17 October

Thinking about studying at the University of Plymouth? Attend their undergraduate on-campus Open Day this October and discover more about the courses on offer, student life, and future career opportunities. You'll have the chance to speak with lecturers and current students, gather course information, and get answers to any questions you may have.

### Throughout the day, you can:

- Attend subject talks and explore your course options
- Meet lecturers and current students
- Tour campus facilities and teaching spaces
- Visit accommodation and the student village
- Get advice on applications and student finance

 Saturday 17 October

 9am to 3.30pm

 University of Plymouth, PL4 8AA

[Click here](#) for more information and to register your attendance

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## Arts University Plymouth – open day – Saturday 17 October

If you're exploring creative-focused higher education, Arts University Plymouth offers excellent opportunities to visit campus, explore its specialist facilities, and speak directly with lecturers, current students and admissions staff. These events are ideal for students considering undergraduate, postgraduate or foundation diploma study in arts, design, media and related fields.

Join the admissions team on the on-campus open day and explore the state-of-the-art facilities, talk to expert staff and tour local affordable accommodation.

 Saturday 17 October

 10am to 3pm

 Arts University Plymouth, Tavistock Place, Plymouth, PL4 8AT

[Click here](#) for more information and to register your attendance

## Skills Group – open days – Friday 30 October

Skills Group have a range of open days taking place this month! If you're a school leaver or exploring your next steps, these events are a great chance to discover your career options and learn more about education and apprenticeship pathways.

### Open Days on offer:

- Construction Open Day
- Automotive Open Day
- Childcare and Education Apprenticeship Open Day
- Hairdressing Apprenticeship Open Day
- Business Apprenticeship Open Day

### What to expect:

- Meet industry experts and ask any questions you have
- Explore a wide range of apprenticeship opportunities
- Get hands-on and try practical activities in your chosen trade
- Learn about the application process and how to get started
- Receive personalised advice on future careers and further training

Come along and discover how Skills Group can help you take your first steps towards a successful future!



Friday 30 October



10am to 3pm



Western Wood Way, PL7 5BG (*Construction and Automotive open days*)



Skills Group Training Academy, 8-9 Derrys Cross, Plymouth, PL1 2SG (*Business, Childcare and Education and Hairdressing open days*)

**Book here:** [Apprenticeship Open Days by Skills Group | Eventbrite](#)

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## Greenlight Safety and Training – Carpentry, Interior Systems, Roofing and Property Maintenance open day – Friday 30 October

Looking for your next step after school or college? Join Greenlight's **Carpentry, Interior Systems, Roofing and Property Maintenance open day** for a hands-on introduction to construction and discover where a career in the industry could take you. You'll have the opportunity to try a range of practical activities, explore different trades, meet tutors and find out what it's really like to train with Greenlight.

Whether you're considering an apprenticeship or simply exploring your options, the team will be on hand to answer your questions about training opportunities, entry requirements, the application process and future career pathways. No experience is needed, so come along, have a go and see what sparks your interest.



Friday 30 October



10am to 1pm



Unit C-E, Huxley Close, Plympton, PL7 4JN

[Click here](#) for book your place

# Access Pre-Employability Support

If you are looking to get a job, we work with some great organisations that can help you to prepare for work. Whether you would like some impartial careers advice and guidance, support with your CV, cover letters and/or interview prep, we can help.

## National Careers Service

For help preparing for jobs, you may like to get started by booking a free appointment with the local National Careers Service team. Ian supports the Skills Launchpad Plymouth team in providing face-to-face support for anyone 18+. They can help you to make decisions on career pathways, learning, training, and work at ALL stages of your career and best of all... it's **FREE!** They also offer support with CVs, cover letters, job applications, interviews, and self-employment. Book your appointment by contacting the Youth Hub team on [skillslaunchpad@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:skillslaunchpad@plymouth.gov.uk).

## On Course South West

Get job-ready with the Plymouth Learning Hub, a tailored programme of courses for adult learners covering everything from CV writing, interview skills and customer service qualifications to essential life skills such as budgeting and confidence building. Some courses are available exclusively to those aged 19+, so explore the full range of opportunities and take the next step towards your goals today. [Click here](#) to find out more and register.

## The King's Trust

From running 'Get Into' and 'Get Started' programmes to help you explore job opportunities in particular sectors, to supporting you to start your own business and more - if you are aged 16 to 30 and not in full-time training or employment, the King's Trust can help. [Click here](#) to explore their upcoming courses.

## King's Trust: Team Programme

Are you looking to boost your confidence, develop new skills and improve your future employment prospects? Delivered by City College Plymouth, the King's Trust Team Programme is a free 12-week course designed to help young people gain valuable experience, build confidence, and prepare for employment, education or training.

Throughout the programme, you'll take part in a range of activities designed to help you develop new skills, challenge yourself and make a positive impact. You will:

- Develop your confidence, communication and teamwork skills
- Take part in a community project that makes a positive difference to your local area
- Enjoy an action-packed residential trip
- Gain two weeks of work experience in an area that interests you
- Improve your CV writing and interview skills
- Develop your English and maths skills
- Achieve a recognised qualification
- Meet new people, try new experiences and create lasting memories

You'll also receive dedicated support throughout the programme to help you build the confidence and skills needed to take your next step towards employment, training or further education.

## To join the programme, you must:

- Be aged 16 to 25
- Not be in full-time employment

The course is completely free to attend and will not affect any benefits you receive.

## Course details:

- Duration: 12 weeks
- Course Type: Full-time
- Study Pattern: Various days and times

## Upcoming start dates:

The next available programme start dates are:

- 12 October 2026
- 2 November 2026
- 18 January 2027
- 1 March 2027

To find out more about the programme and how to register, click [here](#).

## My Future Mentoring Programme

YMCA Plymouth is expanding their mentoring programme to let Youth Hub members have a TRY:

**T** - talk about mentoring – what is it? How could it help YOU?

**R** – relationship building – find the right person for YOU

**Y** – your choice – what do YOU want from the experience

You'll be matched with a mentor with similar interests to you and they can help you with finding a job, education, learning new skills, building confidence, writing a CV, managing money - anything you need help with. You and your mentor will meet in a public space at least once a month for about an hour to have a chat. Want to find out more? Speak to one of the Youth Hub Coordinators or email Sarah [sarah.newberry@ymcaplymouth.org.uk](mailto:sarah.newberry@ymcaplymouth.org.uk).

## Eat That Frog

A fully funded, Plymouth based, six-week programme for 16-to 18-year-olds, LE@P is perfect for you if you want to build confidence, learn new skills and take steps towards employment or further training. Across the six-weeks, the LE@P programme will focus on the following specialised support areas:

- work and careers
- health
- money and budgeting
- digital skills.

For more information, e-mail [info@eatthatfrog.ac.uk](mailto:info@eatthatfrog.ac.uk).

## Fotonow

'Unlocked Youth' is Fotonow's youth programme aimed at supporting 13- to 18-year-olds to engage in media and take part in cultural opportunities. The youth creative media group is all about having fun while developing skills and knowledge in the world of creative media. This is a weekly group that meet every Monday between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. To find out more, or contact Fotonow, please click [here](#).

## Gifted Women Employability Programme

The local team at Gifted Women are all about unlocking doors to employment for women (aged 18+) overcoming multiple disadvantages and rebuilding their lives. If you feel unable to access employment because of your life experiences and would like to get into work but aren't sure where to start, this charity is able to support with creating CVs, supportive work experience placements through their collaboration with employers in Plymouth and Tavistock. To find out more email Emily at [emily@giftedwomen.co.uk](mailto:emily@giftedwomen.co.uk)

## Explore Green Careers

**Curious about the green economy?** You should be! It affects multiple job sectors and is a big priority here in Plymouth. Explore the [Green Economy page here](#) to access the Green Horizons guide and resources.

### Tinside Cove: Coastal Clean

This monthly gathering open to anyone who wants to help care for the beautiful Tinside area with a clean-up led by Plymouth Sound National Marine Park Rangers and volunteers. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or just dipping your toes into community action, there's a spot for you. Volunteering not only helps keep the area clean and welcoming, but it also boosts your wellbeing—think blue mind, that calming, connected feeling we get from being near the sea. Come and help make shore a healthy place to live for all creatures whether human or marine and learn about some of the biggest threats facing the marine environment from pollution and plastic. We will provide tea, coffee and biscuits after!

**Where:** Tinside Cove, PL1 3DE

**When:** Tuesday 6 October and Tuesday 3 November

**Time:** 12noon to 2pm

Book a space [here](#)

### The Rock Pool Project – BioBlitz Challenge

Be part of this exciting marine conservation initiative at the stunning Plymouth coastline. The [Big Rock Pool Challenge](#) is a fun, competitive rock-pooling event where participants race against time to discover and find local marine species. As part of our community-driven project, you'll help gather valuable data supporting UK marine biodiversity conservation.

**Where:** Firestone Bay, Admiralty Rd, Stonehouse, Plymouth PL1 3RS

**When:** Sunday 11 October

**Time:** 12noon

## Explore Different Cultures with the Turing Scheme

Local training provider On Course South West has secured funding to carry out placements and projects abroad for eligible students aged 19+ between now and 31 August 2027. Trips away could include Italy, Iceland, Sweden and more with an aim to enrich learning taking place through On Course South West courses and improve participants personal and social skills, applying learning in a different cultural context. Want to find out more, check eligibility details and see how you can get involved? [Click here.](#)

## Are you a young person with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)? Have you considered a Supported Internship?

A Supported Internship offers 16- to 24-year-olds with an EHCP the opportunity to work towards an accredited qualification and take part in a work placement with the support from an expert Job Coach. This study programme can last between six months to a year, depending on the individual's progress and future.

Here in Plymouth, work has been done to grow the number of Supported Internships – there are now these programmes available:

- [City College Plymouth](#) - focused on jobs within Plymouth City Council
- [Discovery College](#) - sport & leisure industry; hospitality; and green spaces
- [Eat That Frog](#)
- [Greenlight Safety and Training](#) – construction

- **Your Future team at On Course South West** - business & administration; customer service; health & social care; digital, creative & design; green skills; education & early Years (Contact [Info@oncoursesouthwest.co.uk](mailto:Info@oncoursesouthwest.co.uk) for more information)

To find out more and arrange a conversation about opportunities, [sign up as a member of Skills Launchpad Plymouth here.](#)

If you have special educational needs or disabilities, you may also be interested in the Monday sessions at Poole Farm.

## SEEDS (Send Exploring and Enhancing Digital Skills)

Did you know that every Wednesday at Efford library between 2pm and 4pm there is a free group that offers sessions around digital and photography skills sessions for those with SEND or those looking to develop their confidence? You don't need to have a formal ECHP to attend, but you do need to be currently seeking opportunities for training or employment and aged 16- to 24-years-old.

Want to find out more? Contact Rachel at [sendyouthwork@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:sendyouthwork@plymouth.gov.uk)

## Volunteer

[Volunteering](#) is a fantastic way to test out different jobs to find out what you prefer, as well as helping you to gain experience and develop soft skills that are useful in all careers. You may also choose to volunteer to give back and share your skills and experience with others.

Plymouth has lots of great volunteering opportunities with organisations including Citizens Advice Plymouth, Shekinah, University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust / NHS Cadets, St John Ambulance, Age UK Plymouth, Elder Tree Befriending, Trevi, Plymouth City Council, The Box, Barnardo's, Devon Mind, The Zone, Devon Wildlife Trust, Gables, Devon and Cornwall Police, Ocean Discovery Rangers, National Marine Aquarium, Clean Our Patch, Nature Plymouth and Moor Trees.

You can also explore vacancies broadly by visiting [Volunteering | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](#) or [GoVolunteering](#)



Opportunities vary from helping people, animals and children, to admin, retail and customer service. There are also environmental opportunities outdoors or in nature/gardening, right through to media, history and fundraising. What a brilliant way to develop your skills and meet new people!

For anyone aged 18+, Plymouth City Council has a big push on Good Neighbour Support Volunteers right now - [details here.](#)

If you're aged 19+, On Course South West offers monthly volunteering opportunities that you can get involved in. This short course will equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to kickstart your volunteering journey, while helping you gain valuable experience, build confidence, and enhance your CV. If you'd like to find out more, [click here.](#)

## Millfield's Inspired

Millfield's Inspired is a charity that supports children in primary schools through programmes such as **Widening Horizons**, which works with Year 5 students from nine primary schools in Stonehouse, helping them get out of the classroom and experience real work environments.

**Inspire Me** provides in-class experiences for primary school children, offering sector-specific activities to broaden their understanding of different types of work. The Trust supports **16 to 24-year-olds** into the health and social care and childcare sectors.

If anyone is looking for experience or would like to volunteer, please email [keelyburch@millfieldsinspired.com](mailto:keelyburch@millfieldsinspired.com)

## Central Park volunteering

Looking for a way to get outdoors, meet new people and make a difference in your local community?

The Green Communities Project is running a series of volunteering sessions in Central Park this autumn, offering opportunities to care for one of Plymouth's most loved green spaces. From hedgerow aftercare and flower bed maintenance to orchard pruning, there's something for everyone to get involved in.

[Click here](#) to find out more and learn how to take part.

## Apply for apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are real jobs with training, offering a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable skills while working. They start throughout the year and are open to people of all ages – not just school leavers!

They're a great way to earn while you learn, achieve a nationally recognised qualification, and progress from Level 2 right up to degree-level, depending on your chosen career path.

If you're concerned about the financial side, it's worth knowing that you may be eligible for additional support such as Universal Credit, so an apprenticeship may be more accessible than you think.

In the latest edition of Plymouth's exclusive apprenticeship bulletin, you'll find hundreds of current apprenticeship vacancies across a wide range of industries.

Check out our latest **Apprenticeship Bulletin** [here](#)

## Apply for jobs

There are many reasons why you might be looking for a new job, but the great news is that there are thousands of jobs available, right now, in Plymouth.

For advice on where to apply and things to consider, [click here](#)

## Explore self-employment

Have you always dreamt of starting your own business? It can be both an exciting adventure and daunting, especially if you have additional barriers to overcome, such as disability or being long-term unemployed.

We have added lots of information and links to support you in setting up your own business in our Resource Bank [here](#) and we also suggest checking out the upcoming courses with the [National Careers Service](#), [On Course South West](#), the [King's Trust](#) and [City College Plymouth](#) that can help you with starting your own business.

### Enterprise Programme – The King's Trust

Aged 18 to 30 and have a business idea you're passionate about? The King's Trust's free Enterprise programme is here to help you turn that idea into a reality. With expert-led workshops, one-to-one support, and opportunities to apply for funding, they provide the tools you need to create a strong business plan and launch a successful business. [Click here](#) to read more

## Brush up on your English and Maths

You might be tired of hearing about English and maths qualifications, but here's the truth: they really do make a difference. Having GCSEs or Level 2 Functional Skills can open doors to better jobs and higher pay. In Plymouth, there are plenty of training providers ready to help. You can study English and maths as part of a full-time course, alongside an apprenticeship or traineeship, or as a standalone option if you're 19+.

Other ways to learn:

- Anyone aged 16+ can complete qualifications online from home (please note: there is a cost attached).
- Many employability courses include English and maths, so you can work towards them while building other skills.

Benefits of improving your English and maths:

- more job opportunities
- better chances of promotion
- increased confidence in work and life
- higher earning potential.

Ready to boost your skills? Ask us how to get started today!

## Get into training or education

It's never too late to learn new skills. Plymouth has lots of providers offering education - and the courses are quite often free. Courses range from business and coding to hair and beauty, animal care, sport and fitness, military preparation, cooking and more. Many can even help you to access university-level study.

- Your choices at 16 – [click here](#)
- Your choices at 18 – [click here](#)

## Devon and Cornwall Training Providers Network

You may also like to read the 2026-27 edition of **‘Which Way? Your Way!’** which is focused on helping young people better understand their options for education and training post-16 – check it out [here](#).

The Devon and Cornwall Training Providers Network have also introduced an apprenticeship vacancy map to help people find apprenticeships, learn more about the role and even apply – check it out [here](#).

They have also created an easy-to-follow infographic explaining the new Youth Guarantee. The Government has pledged to support young people into work or further training through the Youth Guarantee.

The initiative is aimed at 16 to 24-year-olds who are not in employment, education or training (NEET), and forms part of the Government’s commitment to ensuring young people can access further learning opportunities, employment support, jobs and apprenticeships.

The Youth Guarantee brings together new and existing support to help ensure that all young people aged 16 to 24 are earning and learning.

To read more, click [here](#).

## On Course Southwest

The Plymouth Learning Hub has officially launched, offering support to some of the city’s hardest-to-reach residents through a range of free courses covering digital skills, employability, and mental health and wellbeing. The Hub can also tailor courses to meet the needs of specific groups or cohorts, ensuring flexible and accessible support. To find out more, please email: [samantha.welsford@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:samantha.welsford@plymouth.gov.uk)

## Skills Bootcamps

If you are aged 19+ you may also be interested in exploring Skills Bootcamps!

The Skills Bootcamps are fully funded for learners and are part of the Government’s Lifetime Skills Guarantee, helping everyone gain skills for life. They are designed to help teach and strengthen skills for anyone who wants to increase their business activity, upskill in their current role, or gain vital skills to secure a new position.

### Find out more:

- for digital productivity and AI in education, green protection of natural resources, or live events, [click here](#)
- for digital marketing, leadership and management, or the future of construction [click here](#)
- for welding, EV charging and infrastructure, solar and renewables, coaching and mentoring in healthcare, [click here](#)
- for IT, project management, and cyber skills, [click here](#).

## Online learning and personal development

A few of our partners also offer free online courses, so why not gain a new qualification or skill from the comfort of your own home?

Courses range from computer essentials, professional development, and digital design and marketing to business admin, specialist care courses, and interview skills.

Get started with the links below:

- [National Careers Service online courses](#)
- [On Course South West online courses](#)
- [FutureLearn](#)
- [Open University](#)
- [Learn My Way](#)
- [Barclays Life Skills](#)

## Opportunities in construction

The construction industry is booming. If you want to find out about the latest skills, training, education, apprenticeships and jobs available locally, your first stop should be the **Construction and the Built Environment Drop-in**, just drop in on a **Tuesday** between **10am and 3pm**.

Take a look at upcoming short courses and accreditations for new and experienced tradespeople with:

- [City College Plymouth](#)
- [Greenlight Training](#)
- [Focus Training](#)
- [Skills Group](#)

### New to construction?

Why not check out [Greenlight Training](#) or [CTSW's](#) two-week pre-employment courses? Both will give you a great opportunity to develop your skills and get a feel for what you enjoy.

### Get Hard Hat Ready with Kier and City College Plymouth

Like the idea of being part of the South West's booming construction industry? Kier and City College Plymouth are running a five-week Hard Hat Ready programme.

The course will cover:

- Bricklaying
- Plastering
- Painting and Decorating
- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Health and Safety
- CSCS card

These courses start monthly. If you would like to take advantage of this fantastic FREE programme, please [click here](#).

For more information on the latest opportunities in the construction and built environment sector, [check out the Building Plymouth landing page here](#).

## Opportunities in health and social care

There has never been a more important time for the health and social care sector, and there continues to be a shortage of workers, particularly in the home care sector.

Whether you have a background in care or a feeling that you may be good at it, there are lots of ways to find out more.

- Drop into **Caring Plymouth's Health and Social Care Job Shop**, every **Monday** between **10am and 3pm**.
- Look at the 'Work in Care' campaign page for opportunities [here](#).
- Explore the jobs and volunteering opportunities available with Livewell Southwest [here](#).
- It's also worth exploring the e-learning section above, as there are lots of free online courses you can do to develop skills for the health and social care sector.
- For more information on all things health and social care, check out [the Caring Plymouth landing page here](#).

## Opportunities in tourism, hospitality and retail

The visitor economy is one of Plymouth's largest sectors, contributing over £300 million to the city's economy. Such a large sector presents many opportunities for work, training and volunteering. Whether you are great with people or are proud of your city and want to share that feeling, there are lots of ways to get involved and find out more.

- Drop into **Welcoming Plymouth's Job Shop**, every **Wednesday** between **10am and 3pm**.
- Explore work opportunities through [Caterer.com](#), [Leisure Jobs](#) or [Retail Choice](#).
- Explore the volunteering opportunities available with The Box [here](#).
- Look at [Visit Plymouth](#) to get an idea of the businesses and careers you could get involved with.
- City College Plymouth provide plenty of learning opportunities for development in the sector, whether you're a school leaver or an adult learner (aged 19+):
  - [Hospitality & Catering](#)
  - [Adult Skills Guide](#)
- [On Course South West](#) offer a wealth of courses including online customer service Level 2 [course](#).

## Access mental health support or boost your confidence

### Green Ecotherapy Group Sessions

If you consider yourself to be living with mild to moderate emotional and mental wellbeing issues, why not try some nature-based therapy?

**Poole Farm** is working in partnership with Livewell Southwest to offer young people up to the age of 18 (or 25 if living with SEND) six sessions over six weeks where you will immerse yourself in nature, meet new people and learn techniques such as grounding, mindfulness and nature connectedness.

**When:** Mondays 10am to 12noon or Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm and 5.30pm to 7.30pm

**Where:** Poole Farm

**Booking/request more information:** [click here](#)

### Kooth

Kooth is a free digital mental health and wellbeing service that is available for free to people living in Plymouth, designed to help anyone aged 11-19 manage their own emotional health and wellbeing through anonymous and confidential support.

This safe online space helps people to access therapeutic activities, with a peer support community, self-help articles and forums and discussion boards moderated by qualified practitioners. Users can also keep an online journal and keep track of their wellbeing via an interactive goal tracker. This will be accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is also a one-on-one live text chat and messaging counselling service with a team of qualified practitioners. See for yourself, [here](#)

## **Devon Mind**

Do you struggle with anxiety? If so, why not sign up to take part in a session to help with understanding anxiety and to learn tips and tools for managing anxiety with Devon Mind? Look at the [upcoming courses and workshops here](#). You could also join a monthly support group. [Take a look here](#) at the different groups you can attend or click here for [wellbeing activities](#).

## **Andy's Man Club**

Aiming to end the stigma surrounding mental health, Andy's Man Club has created a judgment-free, confidential space where men can be open about the storms in their lives. For information on this free, weekly, peer support group for men, [click here](#).

## **Shekinah**

If you are aged 18+ there is so much to get involved in with Shekinah. They can help with short courses around personal development, handling stress and anger, mentoring and coaching, mental health, sexual health, as well as more employability related skills such as English, maths and using computers.

To find out more about their Learning Exchange Programmes, click [here](#). Alternatively, for a safe and friendly place to find out about jobs, courses, and benefits you can drop in and see the team at Stonehouse Creek, PL1 3SF every Friday, 12.30pm to 3.30pm

## **Improving Lives Plymouth**

This is a great support organisation offering various peer support groups including one to help people manage long term health conditions and one for people with learning disabilities to develop independence in a safe space. Find out more [here](#).

## **Routes to Grow**

Loneliness can affect us all, at any time of our lives. We might live in a busy city or a rural location, on our own or with others and still feel isolated. Routeways has set up a drop-in service to help combat loneliness – a cuppa and some company and a chance to get involved with their lovely garden within Devonport Park. Explore Routes to Grow [here](#).

## **Art, Craft and Laughter**

Life can sometimes be overwhelming and having a space to be able to go, take timeout and breathe might just be what you need.

Art, craft and laughter are offering mental health, wellbeing art and craft groups. Search 'Art, craft and laughter' on Facebook or Instagram. For more information on accessing this mental health support in Plymouth, click [here](#).

## **The Mix**

The Mix is a digital charity based in the UK. Their primary goal is to offer essential supporting for under 25s, addressing 'the embarrassing issues' and issues dear to the hearts of the young people who use its service - from exam stress to sex. With a chat choice, crisis messenger service and links to apps and tools, check it out for yourself - [click here](#).

## **KARST**

In partnership with Outlands, KARST presents a weekend of experimental music and performance in Plymouth. It is an opportunity to experience talking, dancing, singing and socialising. For more information on how to book, click [here](#).

## **Theatre Royal, Our Space**

This programme is for people aged 18+ with lived experience of homelessness, mental health issues, substance misuse, reoffending, or those who feel socially isolated to provide free, regular and meaningful activity that contributes to recovery and rehabilitation. Interested in finding out more? Email [ourspace@theatreroyal.com](mailto:ourspace@theatreroyal.com)

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