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Employment support agencies

Your guide to comprehensive business support from South Gloucestershire Council

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Looking for your perfect apprenticeship?

South Gloucestershire and Stroud College

Over the next four years, South Gloucestershire Council will work with South Gloucestershire and Stroud College in Filton, to recruit around 240 apprentices, with opportunities in housing, care, catering, street services, horticulture and many others.

- www.sgscol.ac.uk
- 01179092234
- natalie.zullo@filton.ac.uk

Apprenticeships

The Apprenticeships website provides information for employers and apprentices across the UK.

- www.apprenticeships.org.uk
- 0800100900
- nationalhelpdesk@apprenticeships.gov.uk

KTS

KTS training concentrates on apprenticeships and foundation learning for 16-18 year olds, with bases in Kingswood, Southmead, Yate and Fishponds.

- www.ktstraining.co.uk
- 01179605184
- questsales@ktsgroup.co.uk

Seetec

Seetec is one of the UK's largest and most experienced providers of government funded employment and skills training programmes, operating a national network of training centres.

- www.seetec.co.uk
- 08453306573
- enquiries@seetec.co.uk

T2 Apprenticeships

T2 Apprenticeships is a leading training provider in the South West, offering a wide range of apprenticeships for people of all ages.

- www.t2apprenticeships.co.uk
- 02920799133
- info@t2apprenticeships.co.uk

Unemployed and need some guidance?

Jobcentre plus

The government's website for public services, with comprehensive help and advice for people looking for work.

- www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus
- 08456060234

Pinnacle People

Provide the skills and confidence to long-term unemployed to help them make decisions about their future and get back into work.

- www.pinnaclepeople.co.uk
- contact@pinnaclepeople.co.uk

JHP Employability

JHP Employability is a national organisation, providing a range of employment services and practical help, training and support for people looking for employment.

■ www.jhpemployability.com
■ 08006800321

Scout Enterprises

Scout Enterprises is a non-profit making charity specialising in advice for long-term unemployment and people with health problems or disabilities.

■ 01179232288

Want to research graduate careers?

The National Careers Service

The National Careers Service offers advice on skills, careers, work and life choices, and supports people with their career development.

■ <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>
■ 0800100900

UWE

UWE Careers helps people with career related needs, including career and CV checks and a graduate jobs link drop-in service.

■ www1.uwe.ac.uk/students/careersandemployability
■ 01173285678

Prospects

Graduate Prospects is the UK's leading provider of information, advice and opportunities for students and graduates, with a wide collection of journals and directories, and a graduate careers website.

■ www.prospects.ac.uk
■ 01612775200

The University of Bristol

The University of Bristol is a world-renowned institution with students taught by internationally respected academics.

■ www.bristol.ac.uk
■ 01179289000
■ ug-admissions@bristol.ac.uk

Over 50 and want to explore opportunities?

Age UK

Age UK helps older people looking for work, including help with CVs and job applications, benefits and starting your own business.

■ www.ageuk.org.uk/work-and-learning/looking-for-work
■ 08001696565

The University of the Third Age

The University of the Third Age is a national organisation that provides employment, courses and activities in Bristol.

■ www.bristolu3a.org.uk
■ 07599 434981
■ secretary@bristolu3a.org.uk

Looking for a training provider?

NEC

The NEC has over 100 home study courses to help people of all ages fit learning into their lives. As a registered educational charity they have supported thousands of learners to achieve qualifications to progress their careers.

- www.nec.ac.uk
- 08003892839
- info@nec.ac.uk

Learndirect

Learndirect aims to transform people's skills and productivity by using technology to bring people together to work, share and learn online.

- www.learndirect.co.uk
- 0800101901
- Enquiries@learndirect.net

Have a disability and need support?

South Gloucestershire Council

South Gloucestershire Council can help people prepare for work by:

- finding suitable work and identifying training requirements
- undertaking an assessment of support requirements
- looking for work and helping with job applications (filling out application forms and making phone calls)
- preparing for interviews
- advising on finance and benefits
- supporting people to be able to travel to work independently
- review extra support when you start work

- www.southglos.gov.uk
- 01454868009
- Disability@southglos.gov.uk

Mencap

Mencap is the leading voice of learning disability, valuing and supporting people with a learning disability, their families and carers.

- www.mencap.org.uk
- 01179655623
- bristol.pathway@mencap.org.uk

Pluss

Pluss is a Social Enterprise that supports disabled people in achieving their aspirations. Pluss also directly employs hundreds of disabled people within its commercial enterprises.

- www.pluss.org.uk
- 08003345525
- employment.bureau@pluss.org.uk

Ever considered volunteering?

Volunteering Kingswood

Volunteering Kingswood supports volunteering. The service is offered through the Chase and Kings Forest Community Project, and supports groups and individuals living and working across the wider Kingswood area.

- www.volunteeringkingswood.org.uk
- 01179600376
- info@volunteeringkingswood.org.uk

Yate Volunteer Centre

Yate Volunteer Centre serves the Frome Vale area, including Yate, the Sodburys, Frampton Cotterell, Coalpit Heath and the surrounding rural communities. It promotes and supports volunteering to encourage people to become involved with local life.

- www.yatevoluntarylink.org.uk
- 01454324102
- volunteeringyate@btconnect.com

Volunteer Centre PFS

Volunteer Centre PFS is part of the South Gloucestershire Volunteer Agencies partnership which works with other volunteer agencies in the area to promote volunteering activity in Patchway, Filton, Bradley Stoke and Stoke Gifford.

- www.volunteercentre-pfs.org.uk
- 01454868986
- info@volunteercentre-pfs.org.uk

Thornbury Volunteer Centre

Thornbury Volunteer Centre promotes and develops volunteering and acts as an information centre about voluntary organisations.

- www.volunteer-thornbury.co.uk
- 01454413392

Thinking about further academic study?

UCAS

UCAS is responsible for managing applications to higher education courses in the UK, supporting students in finding the right course and providing innovative online tools to enable students and higher education institutions to manage applications and offers.

- www.ucas.ac.uk
- 08714680468
- enquiries@ucas.ac.uk

The City of Bristol College

The City of Bristol College is one of the largest further and higher education colleges in the UK. The College offers a wide range of academic and vocational qualifications in the area, with more than 1,000 courses available.

■ www.cityofbristol.ac.uk
■ 01173125000

The Open University

The Open University offers modern distance learning enabling people to study at times and places that suit their needs. It is a pioneer of teaching and learning methods enabling people to achieve their career and life goals.

■ www.open.ac.uk
■ 08453006090

The University of the West of England

The University of the West of England is the largest provider of Higher Education in the South West of England.

■ www.uwe.ac.uk
■ 01173283333
■ infopoint@uwe.ac.uk

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Looking for help aimed at young people?

The Learning Partnership West

The Learning Partnership West delivers courses and services for families, schools, colleges, trainers and local authorities, supporting people into work in partnership with public, private and voluntary sector organisations nationally and across the West of England.

■ www.lpw.org.uk
■ 01179873700
■ enquiries@lpw.org.uk

Choices

Choices, through the Learning Partnership West Independent School, offers alternative education that complements formal school learning for KS3 and KS4 students across the West of England.

■ www.lpw.org.uk/our-courses/choices
■ 01179873700
■ enquiries@lpw.org.uk

The Prince's Trust

The Prince's Trust gives practical and financial support to young people, helping to develop key skills, confidence and motivation, and enabling young people to move into work, education or training.

■ www.princes-trust.org.uk
■ 01179292300
■ webinfo@princes-trust.org.uk

Connexions

The Connexions Service helps and supports young people aged 13-19 (up to 25 for people with learning difficulties and disabilities) to make informed choices, supporting them in moving their lives forward.

- www.lpw.org.uk/young-people/targeted-support
- 01179873700
- enquiries@lpw.org.uk

Discover Me

Discover Me enables individuals, groups, families and companies to better understand themselves and the people around them. As a licensed practitioner of Insights Discovery,[®] LPW is able to produce the Insights Discovery[®] profiles to help assess and support adults and young people to uncover their personality type.

- www.lpw.org.uk/discoverme
- 01179873700
- enquiries@lpw.org.uk

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