

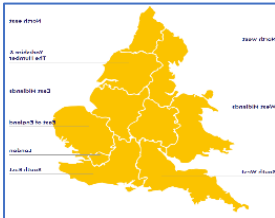
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Are you in communication with your local SEND IAS Service?



Access to a variety of free resources, videos and podcasts on all things careers and making Post-16 and Post-18 choices

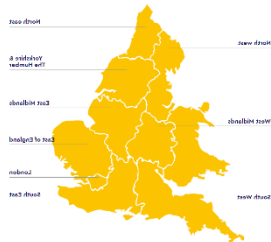


Information on a national programme to support the mental wellbeing of autistic pupils in mainstream secondary schools



From SEN to ALN – information on events in Wales for parents and carers of children with additional learning needs and/or disabilities aged 0-25

SEND IAS Service



Under the Children & Families Act (2014), it is a requirement that all Local Authorities have a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support (SEND IAS) Service to provide free and accessible information, advice and support to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. To find your local SEND IAS Service, please click [here](#).

Information, advice & support through KIDS



KIDS provide a wide range of services nationally for disabled children, young people and their families. Their service covers three main areas: information, advice & family support; play and social; and learning and development. For more information on KIDS and to explore their free information and advice articles, please click [here](#).

Free SEND podcasts



SENDcast provide free weekly podcasts covering a wide range of topics within SEND. To explore past and future podcasts available through SENDcast, please click [here](#).

Free careers videos



MYPATH is a YouTube page which features short and engaging careers videos for free which can be shared with staff, students and their families. The channel hosts a 'Job Of The Week' resource and many 'Employability Skills, What Do You Mean?' videos - plus many others! To find out more information, please click [here](#).

Free online skills and careers courses



Youth Employment UK provide free online skills and careers courses to help young people (aged between 14-24) boost skills and build careers confidence. They also provide virtual work experience too! Click [here](#) to find out more.

Free printable subject guides & posters



Resourceful Careers specialise in providing visual careers information and can provide eight free posters which will share information on skills, careers and pathways with different subjects. To get in touch to gain access to these free posters, please click [here](#). To explore other designs and visual aids provided by Resourceful Careers, please click [here](#).

Pathway CTM careers resources, videos and podcasts



Pathway CTM provides a plethora of free resources, videos and podcasts to help young people and their families make informed decisions about Post-16 and Post-18 choices. To access their resources, please click [here](#).

Turning Tides Project



The Turning Tides Project is a community interest company and non-profit organisation in Devon that aims to make equal access to music, the arts and life a reality for people with learning disabilities and autism. To find out more information and explore opportunities/events taking place, please click [here](#).

Zurich & the Z Zurich Foundation in collaboration with Ambitious About Autism



Insurer Zurich, in collaboration with the Z Zurich Foundation, has launched a three-year collaboration with leading charity Ambitious about Autism to help develop a programme to change thousands of young lives. The collaboration will provide resources to support the mental wellbeing of thousands of autistic young people in hundreds of schools across the UK and will run up to August 2025. For more information, click [here](#).

The British Council & WWF-UK



The British Council and WWF-UK are seeking 26 young people from across the UK to become Youth Ambassadors and Sustainable Futures Advisors. If you are or know someone who cares deeply about our natural world and/or have an interest in the future of sustainability, this will be a great opportunity to share your perspectives and experiences. To find out more, click [here](#).

Contact



Contact provides free information and advice for parents and carers with a disabled child aged from birth to 25, living in any part of the UK. This includes a helpline, training and development courses/workshops and an [A-Z directory of medical conditions](#). More information on Contact can be found [here](#).

SNAP Cymru



[SNAP Cymru](#) offers free and independent information, advice and support to help get the right education for children and young people with all kinds of special educational needs (SEN)/additional learning needs (ALN) and disabilities. They also provide regular face-to-face forums and in-person events which can be found [here](#).

Mencap Employment Services



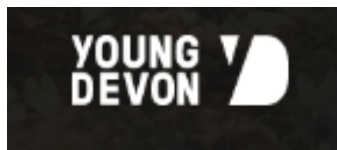
Mencap Employment Services offers young people with SEND (aged 16-24) support, work opportunities and training before and during employment or placement. If you are a person with a learning disability and looking for work, or an employer interested in working with people with a learning disability, please click [here](#) to find out more!

Young People Cornwall



Young People Cornwall deliver a wide range of [programmes](#) and [projects](#) across Cornwall, as well as provide vital tools and resources to help young people (aged 11-25) and existing youth groups and clubs to really fly. More information can be found [here](#).

Young Devon – free short courses



The Young Devon 'Change Academy' delivers a range of skills courses and qualifications with the aim of teaching young people skills for life and help them thrive in their futures. To explore what is on offer and apply for courses, please click [here](#).

Together for Short Lives – new resource to support transition



Together for Short Lives has launched a new edition of Stepping Up, a resource setting out standards for good quality support for young people with life-limiting conditions across the three phases of transition: preparing for transition, during the transfer and when settling into adult services. The updated Pathway has a greater focus on the role of adult services in supporting transition and gives practice examples of how joined up working has been achieved. The new resource can be accessed [here](#).

Maritime UK – careers events in March, April & September



Maritime UK are hosting numerous careers talks and events in March, April and September - many of which are online. To further explore the events on offer, please click [here](#).

Blue Cross – free careers in animal welfare talk (8th March)



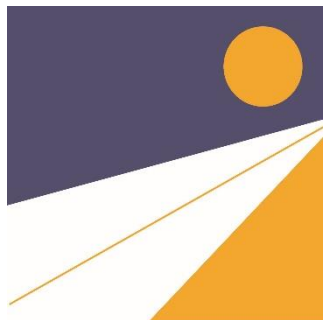
Join the Blue Cross on a journey to discover what it is like to work in animal welfare and what opportunities there are in a charity like Blue Cross. A free and interactive session with top tips and a Q&A. To find out more information and register for this event, please click the link [here](#).

FutureSmart Careers Helpline



Jacque Ridge, our Helpline Manager and our team welcome enquiries from schools, parents, and students. The helpline is staffed between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday at helpline@futuresmartcareers.co.uk.

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