

Childhood Studies and Early Years

Professional Bodies and Other Relevant Job Search Information

Professional Bodies often have their own web sites which include sections on careers and professional development. Some advertise vacancies. The professional bodies and other job information sites which are most relevant to students on the Childhood Studies and Early Years and Primary Education degrees are:

Childcare

Sure Start
Tel: 0870 0002288
www.surestart.gov.uk

Children's Workforce Development Council
Tel: 0113 2446311
www.cwdcouncil.org.uk

Children Now
'For everyone working with children & families'
www.childrennow.co.uk

Leeds Early Years Development & Childcare Partnership
Tel: 0113 2475487
www.leeds.gov.uk/childcare

Teaching

The Graduate Teacher Training Agency
Tel: 0870 1122205
www.gttr.ac.uk

The Training & Development Agency for Schools
Teaching Information Line – tel: 0845 6000 991
www.tda.gov.uk

Social Work

British Association of Social Workers
Tel: (0121) 622 3911
www.basw.co.uk

Department of Health's Social Work website
www.socialworkcareers.co.uk

Charities

Working for a Charity
Tel: 020 7520 2512
www.wfac.org.uk

See also the charities webpage of Finding the Fit

Graduate Destinations

Some examples of roles Leeds Met Childhood Studies graduates have taken after leaving university:

Learning Support Assistant – Primary School

Community Support Worker – Outreach Project

Advanced Classroom Assistant – Primary School

Nursery Nurse – Private Nursery

Behaviour Support Worker – Special School

After School Club Manager – Primary School After School Club

It can be useful to talk to someone who is already working in the profession to find out more about how to get work, develop skills etc. This is called informational interviewing. If you would like to do this take a look at this further information (www.leedsmet.ac.uk/lskills/local/erol/finding_fit/information_interview.html) and these guidelines (www.leedsmet.ac.uk/lskills/local/erol/finding_fit/informational_interview_groundrules.html).

Finding Work - www.leedsmet.ac.uk/lskills/local/erol/finding_fit/general.html

Self Employment - www.leedsmet.ac.uk/lskills/local/erol/finding_fit/self_employment.html

Gap Year Information - www.leedsmet.ac.uk/lskills/local/erol/finding_fit/gap_year.html

Postgraduate Study - www.leedsmet.ac.uk/lskills/local/erol/finding_fit/postgraduate_study.html

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