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NATIONAL NEWS

[Growing Demand for Disability Confident Employers](#)

DWP's 'Find a Job' job search website has a filter which lets job seekers filter their search to target disability confident employers. The tool was introduced 6 months ago and since then new figures show that 46,000 people have used the filter.

[Fishing Workforce](#)

A new report (2018 Employment in the UK Fishing Fleet) has been published by Seafish, the public body which supports the UK fishing industry. The total UK fishing workforce - on and offshore - is just over 11,000 with 4,716 vessels. The survey (although not a random sample) describes occupations as wither skipper, deckhand, engineer, plus other workers onboard, onshore workers and owners. The data says:

- 85% of jobs of the 730 surveyed were filled by UK workers.
- 99% of jobs were filled by men. Where women are employed it tends to be onshore
- 57% of employees are under 40.

[Taking responsibility for the graduate skills gap](#)

Article from Prospects Luminare (written by Stephen Sommerville from FutureLearn) which explores the graduate skills gap and raises the question whose responsibility it is to do something about it: the employer, the educator, policymakers, or the individual.

[ELCs return to the High Street](#)

Mothercare's Early Learning Centres which closed last year are to be reignited on the High Streets having been bought by the retailer The Entertainer.

[The EdTech Strategy](#)

The Department for Education have released a strategy paper 'Realising the potential of technology in education.' The aims of the strategy are to:

- reduce teachers' workloads
- boost training opportunities for teachers
- level the playing field for children and young people with special educational needs & disabilities
- facilitate flexible working patterns through the use of time-tabling tools

[British Talent Attraction Index](#)

Emsi have launched a new report in association with the IEP. The report focuses on how well different areas of the country are doing at attracting talent into businesses given that many employers are struggling to attract and retain suitably qualified staff. No surprise, City of London is the top city for talent attraction.

[Social Worker Recruitment Crisis](#)

Guardian have reported that local authorities are struggling to recruit permanent social workers, often using agencies for a significant number of their staff. Across London, Croydon had the highest proportion of agency social workers at 46.5%.

[Apps for prospective students](#)

Two app developers were both the winners of £150,000 in a government competition. The apps add more ways for prospective students to look at information about graduate outcomes to help them make their choice about the course and institution. The two apps are [ThinkUni](#) and [TheWayUp!.](#) One works as a personalised digital assistant to access information, while the other is a game where players can simulate career paths.

[Tech Industry Gold Degrees](#)

Tech Partnership Degrees have reported on the latest Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) data which shows that graduates with a 'Tech Industry Gold Degree' have achieved higher academic and employment results compared to a general computer science degree. This is due to the fact that these degrees are developed in partnership with employers, so meet exactly what industry require.

Universities offering Tech Industry Gold accredited degrees and degree apprenticeships include: Anglia Ruskin, Aston, Birkbeck, BPP, Chester, Chichester, Derby, East London, Essex, Exeter, Glasgow Caledonian, Greenwich, Hertfordshire, Lancaster, Leeds Beckett, Loughborough, Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan, Northumbria, the Open University, Oxford Brookes, Queen Mary University of London (QMUL), Ravensbourne, Sheffield Hallam, Suffolk, Sunderland, Teesside, University of the West of England (UWE), University of West London (UWL) and Winchester.

Offshore Wind Sector

The new Government/Industry Offshore Wind Sector Deal has set a target of a third of electricity generation to be met by offshore wind by 2030. The number of jobs is consequently targeted to increase – up threefold to 27,000 by this date. Another target is an “ambitious target to achieve at least 33% women in the total offshore wind workforce”, it currently has 16%...

The table below shows the top underperformers in female occupational gender equality (Source- ONS Labour Force Survey – UK Employment Apr-Jun 2018) .

Occupation (SOC Code)	Women's share of employment in this occupation
<i>531 Construction and Building Trades</i>	1%
<i>524 Electrical and Electronic Trades</i>	2%
<i>523 Vehicle Trades</i>	2%
5319 Construction and building trades n.e.c.	3%
<i>522 Metal Machining, Fitting and Instrument Making Trades</i>	3%
<i>532 Building Finishing Trades</i>	4%
3113 Engineering technicians	5%
8214 Taxi and cab drivers and chauffeurs	6%

[Skills Shortages in the UK Economy](#)

This latest edition of the Edge Bulletin, produced by the Edge Foundation, looks at skills in the labour market focussing on CIPD research, the growth in automation and skills shortages in London's hospitality sector.

LONDON AND REGIONAL NEWS

[National Careers Service Labour Market Information for London](#)

National Careers Service have produced a visual one-page document which gives some headline labour market information about London.

[Croydon Works One Destination Employability Programme](#)

Employability programme accessible to Croydon residents who are interested in working in one of the many roles at Gatwick airport including retail, logistics, hospitality and transport.

USEFUL WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

[Amazing Apprenticeship Parents Pack, April 2019](#)

The latest parents pack has been published, which includes information on public sector apprenticeship, details of recently approved apprenticeship standards such as Art Therapist and Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner and tips for parents to help them support their young people in making a transition from school to the world of work.

[Which? University – for teachers](#)

A useful resource to help Teachers and Careers Advisers guide their students on university choices.

FUTURE EVENTS

[Careers in Cyber Security Webinar](#)

Thursday 9th May 3.00 – 4.00pm

[National Careers Leader and Learning Conference 2019](#)

Thursday 11th to Friday 12th July

[RCN Job Show](#)

17th and 18th September – RCN Job Show, Business Design Centre, London, 9.00 am – 6.00 pm

[London Student Jobs Fair](#)

22nd September – 29th September – Students Job Fair

[STEM Graduate Recruitment Fair](#)

October 11th – STEM graduate recruitment fair, The Barbican, 10.30 am – 5.00 pm

[Skills London 2019](#)

15th – 16th November – Excel

[National careers week 2020](#)

2-7th March 2020