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# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

## OPPORTUNITIES

This week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week. Depending on how our brains are wired we think, move, process information and communicate in different ways. Many people in our community use neurodiversity as an umbrella term used to describe alternative thinking styles such as Dyslexia, DCD (Dyspraxia), Dyscalculia, Autism and ADHD. But regardless of labels, neurodiversity is about recognising those who think differently.

Approximately 15-20% of the population has a neurological difference. Instead of labelling people with deficits or disorders, when we use the term neurodiversity, we take a balanced view of an individual's unique strengths and challenges.



You can use this resource library to learn about different types of neurodiversity. The resources include employer guides, celebrity case studies and activities such as colouring sheets.



This year, there are more events and panel discussions than ever before, with inspirational speakers from a range of backgrounds and professions. The discussions will all be focussing on key neurodiversity topics, and aim to educate while inspiring conversations about neurodiversity.



If you can't make the times of the events, you can register to gain access to the events library. The 2024 recordings are currently listed and the 2025 ones will be added at the end of the week.



Green Careers with the Royal Agricultural Society's 'New Shoots'; This programme aims to introduce young people to the variety of careers available in the horticultural sector. Find out more about what it is like to work in areas including viticulture, creative and social media, landscape architecture, writing and editing, plant genetics, ecology, botanical art and many more. Careers in this sector, as with so many sectors, include people with specialisms in many different skills.

## JOB OF THE WEEK



Arborist

An arborist, also known as an arboriculturist or tree surgeon, is a professional who manages and cares for trees. They are experts in the cultivation and study of trees, shrubs, and other woody plants.

Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

According to recent data, the UK has seen a significant rise in green jobs, with over 270,000 green jobs reported in 2022, representing a 29% increase compared to 2015 levels; this growth is largely attributed to the expansion of low-carbon and renewable energy industries.

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Oxford Brookes [Virtual Subject Taster Sessions](#) are designed for an interactive exploration of a broad range of subjects. Have a go at filming a stop motion animation, explore dystopian themes in literature, or use a virtual lab to explore the human anatomy. The subjects on offer are: Art, Film, Digital Media and Photography, Built Environment, Business, English, Healthcare & History and Criminology.



Evidence that sometimes, you just have to go for it; Andrew Mok known as [@yalocaloffgod](#) is a Hong Kong Fashion Designer who at the age of just 17 reached out to Adidas about designing for them in the future. Fast forward 3 years later and he and brother [@tate\\_mok](#) have just released their collaboration collection with the brand. [Read more here.](#)



Join [this webinar](#), taking place on Mon 24th March at 4pm, to discover more about Tesco's Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship programme, now open for applications in stores across England for their September 2025 cohort.



Destination STEM is a dedicated [STEM careers website](#) for 13-19-year-olds curious to explore exceptional opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, boost skills, and hear from industry experts. You can now easily apply to career support programmes such as Online Mentoring, Research Placements & Experiences, or browse information on STEM careers independently.



UCAS have amended the personal statement format from one longer essay to three structured questions, the first major change since its founding in 1993. This will impact all students applying to a UK university from next year onward. Parents and students are invited to join INVESTIN for a [free, interactive webinar](#) to learn more about what this means for you and how to ensure your application stands out! Remember, if you cannot attend live, simply register to automatically receive the recording.

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"We are a dynamic, multi-cultural business which values the integrity, accountability, and can-do attitude of our people. It is that mind-set that powers us to fulfil our ambition to be the world's undisputed Number One consumer battery company. On average, 63 Duracell products are sold every second."

Read more about [Duracell Careers here.](#)

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

"We stand for ambition, with our diverse community of staff and students committed to making a difference at regional, national and global level. Our education and research, will support social, economic, cultural, intellectual and public life in ways that will make us one of the leading civic universities."

Read more about [University of Kent's Courses here.](#)

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