



WORK INSPIRATION – Public Sector Careers

To help you explore a range of careers in these areas as the work is directly related to building and improving communities in every aspect of life from health to housing and many more areas.

National Careers Service

The National Careers Service gives an insight in the different career that are available in the area of local government, councils or Civil Service including:

- [Local Government Administration Assistant](#)
- [Local Government Revenues Officer](#)
- [Local Government Officer](#)

Local Government Careers

The [Local Government Association](#) gives an insight in the huge variety of careers that young people can work in (please note this article relates to an English Council website)

- Find out why working in public service (i.e. Local Government) is a rewarding career in this article by [Bright Network](#)

- [Prospects](#) gives an insight into working in Public Services Sector and explains why it has a wide variety of career opportunities whether you are a school leaver or a graduate. One of the jobs featured on their website is [Local Government Officer](#)
- [TargetJobs](#) has a section on work experience in the public service and gives an insight into what options are available including intern schemes and work shadowing opportunities
- **The Student Ladder** has a section on careers in local government which are not linked to a specific area including:

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- [Civil Service Fast Stream](#)
- [HMRC: Tax Professional](#)
- [National Audit Office Accountants](#)
- [HM Treasury Policy Advisors](#)
- [GCHQ: Careers](#)
- [Secret Intelligence Service MI6](#)
- [Secret Service: MI5 Intelligence Officer](#)
- [NHS Management](#)
- [The Met Office](#)
- [Ministry of Defence: Defence Engineering & Science](#)
- [Defence Science & Technology Lab](#)

Local Councils Northern Ireland

There are 11 councils in Northern Ireland. Find out what they do for their local communities in the links to their websites below:

- [Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council](#) – [this is a link to their job website](#)
- [Ards and North Down Borough Council](#)
- [Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council](#)
- [Belfast City Council](#), with a link to their current [job vacancies](#)
- [Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council](#)
- [Derry City and Strabane Borough Council](#)
- [Fermanagh and Omagh District Council](#)
- [Lisburn and Castlereagh Borough Council](#)
- [Mid and East Antrim Borough Council](#)
- [Mid Ulster District Council](#)
- [Newry Mourne and Down District Council](#)

Most of the councils advertise their job vacancies on a central portal, with all the relevant details of the vacancy – details of that portal is [here](#)

Northern Ireland Assembly

If you want to find out what roles and careers are on offer, have a look at these 2 links, it will give an insight in the roles of our MLA'S, and the jobs on offer inside Parliament Buildings

- [Years 11-12 | Northern Ireland Assembly Education Service](#)
- [Post 16 | Northern Ireland Assembly Education Service](#)

Northern Ireland Civil Service

The [NICS](#) is a large employer in Northern Ireland employing over 23,000 staff and provides many of the day to day services which we may take for granted. The offer many opportunities for entrants each year in a wide variety of areas including administration, IT and Engineers. Find out about how to apply for roles [here](#).

- Also, the NICS has a section on [work experience](#) and how to apply
- They offer [apprenticeships](#) in areas such as ICT, Procurement and Civil Engineering with a dedicated career path and generous salary and benefits

Civil Service – UK

Whatever your passion, from the environment to promoting the UK's interests overseas, welfare or the economy there is a department or agency that you can apply too. Try this [Career Matcher](#) to find out what role might be a good fit for you. Here is a list of some of the departments you can work in, but there are many different departments and opportunities on offer

- [Cabinet Office](#) – this is the centre of government and support the Prime Minister and are the corporate headquarters of the Civil Service
- [Competitions & Markets Authority \(CMA\)](#) – a consumer agency whose work makes a difference to millions of households and businesses across the UK
- [Crown Prosecution Service \(CPS\)](#) – we ensure the right person is prosecuted and bring offenders to justice



- [Defence Science and Technology Laboratory \(dstl\)](#) – provide sensitive and specialist science, engineering, technology research and analysis to the Ministry of Defence and wider government
- [Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy \(BEIS\)](#) – helps businesses invest, innovate, and grow
- [Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport](#) – protect and promote the UK's cultural, sporting and artistic heritage
- [Department for Education](#) – responsible for children's services and education
- [Working for Environment Food & Rural Affairs \(Defra\)](#) – create a great place for people to live day to day
- [Department of Health & Social Care \(DHSC\)](#) – this department is responsible for the nation's health and social care
- [Department for International Trade \(DIT\)](#) – we help business dive export and champion free trade
- [Department for Work & Pensions \(DWP\)](#) – we are responsible for the welfare system, pensions and children's maintenance policy

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