



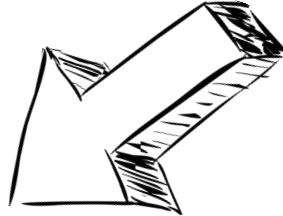
PREPARING FOR EMPLOYMENT

We recently asked 22 young people a series of questions about their preparations for employment, here is a summary of their responses.

Why do you want to work?

Top 5 responses:

1. I like to learn new skills
2. I want to be independent
3. I like to meet new people
4. I feel that working will be more interesting than not working
5. I need a place to live, food, clothing, basic daily needs met & to pay the bills



What are some of the things that may influence your job or career choice?

Top 5 responses:

1. My interests
2. My personality
3. My skills
4. Pay/wage
5. My values

What are your interests and hobbies?

Top 5 responses:

1. Music
2. Art/Drawing
3. Writing
4. Socialising
5. Technology

What are your skills, what are you good at?

Top 5 responses:

1. Listening
2. Humour
3. Communicating
4. Helping people
5. Reliable/trust worthy

If you have already looked for a job, how did you do it?

Top 5 responses:

1. Asked people I know
2. Internet
3. Just asked businesses
4. Adverts in shop windows
5. Adverts in newspaper/bulletins

When you have a job, what will not be difficult for you?

Top 5 responses:

1. Listening carefully
2. Having a positive attitude
3. Personal safety
4. Getting the job done
5. Child care

Do you have the skills employers are looking for?

Top 5 responses:

- 1.
2. I have basic IT skills
3. I can do simple maths
4. I am honest
5. I can read
6. I speak clearly

What skills do you need to develop and who should teach you these skills?

Top 5 responses:

1. Money management - should be taught at school
2. Common sense, knowing what to do - I should learn for myself
3. Maturity (taking criticism)- should be taught by my employer & I should learn for myself
4. Household chores - should be taught by parents
5. Organisation - should be taught by my parents and I should learn for myself



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