

Useful websites

What to study, where to go and how to get there

<http://university.which.co.uk/>

UCAS

For applications to university, choosing courses etc

www.ucas.com

National Careers Service

For information on subjects to study, job profiles, CV writing

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

Prospects website

Use the section entitled careers advice to find out about getting into university and what you can do with specific degrees etc.

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk>

The official website for comparing UK higher education course data

Includes official data for undergraduate courses on each university and college's satisfaction scores in the National Student Survey, jobs and salaries after study and other key information for prospective students

<https://unistats.direct.gov.uk/>

Not planning on going to University

Check out your options here

<http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

Apprenticeships

Find out how to search and apply for apprenticeships

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>

Volunteering Opportunities

Why Volunteer?

Gain skills and work experience

For some university degrees you need to have relevant work experience especially for teaching, nursing or any medical or health related career.

Employers love volunteering. Having some on your CV will help you to stand out from the crowd when it comes to getting a job.

Kingston Hospital

Kingston Hospital has a young person's programme which enables year 12 students to gain a rewarding volunteer experience by helping during mealtimes as a dining companion, to support patients and staff.

Kingston Hospital are also on Twitter: @KHFTVolunteer

<https://www.kingstonhospital.nhs.uk/get-involved/volunteering.aspx>

Kingston Council Volunteer Scheme

Young adults - volunteer with us over the summer

Volunteer as a reading champion

You could be the right person for us!

- Are you aged between 14 to 18?
- Are you passionate about reading and sharing books?
- Do you want to do something pro-active over the holiday and help young children?

Then join us as a reading champion in libraries across the borough, helping children join and complete our Summer Reading Challenge. You will gain valuable workplace experience for your CV and volunteering awards.

The Summer Reading Challenge runs from July to September, we ask volunteers to commit to at least five sessions. Contact us now to find out more

Apply online or contact your local library.

https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200208/libraries/316/volunteer_in_your_library

Local Charity Shops

Go in and ask to speak to the manager – most shops will want you to commit to at least a couple of hours a week.

Volunteer Bureau Kingston

Lots of different opportunities to volunteer in the Kingston area with a variety of organisations. Ring or email to make an appointment

Contact details below:

020 8255 8685

manager@gokingstonvolunteering.org.uk

<http://gokingstonvolunteering.org.uk>

vInspired

Why Volunteer?

There's loads of benefits to doing something for a good cause. You learn new skills, meet new people, and help your career - all at the same time as doing some good in the world.

Into music? You could volunteer at a music festival and get a free ticket in return. Love sport? There's loads of local sports clubs looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help out. What about travelling? Try a different part of the world to expand your horizons. Or maybe you prefer to stay at home? No problem. You can sign up online and make a difference without moving off your sofa.

Wherever you want to go in life, volunteering can help you get there.

<https://vinspired.com>

Historic Royal Palaces

Interested in history or education – apply online to work at Hampton Court etc

<http://www.hrp.org.uk/about-us/work-for-us/volunteer-with-us>