



RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 3rd November 2025

Careers in Focus Series

Hotel Manager

Entry Routes:

- ✓ There are no set routes, but you could:
- ✓ Apply for a place on a management trainee scheme or apprenticeship with a hotel company
- ✓ Complete a diploma or degree in a subject like hotel or hospitality management
- ✓ Apply for a junior position in a hotel or restaurant, like front of house manager or kitchen supervisor, to build your experience
- ✓ Some jobs may ask for a driving license, and the ability to speak more than one language.

Key Words

- ◆ Budgets
- ◆ Marketing
- ◆ Service
- ◆ Corporate
- ◆ Customer Care
- ◆ Events





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 10th November 2025

Careers in Focus Series

Vehicle Mechanic

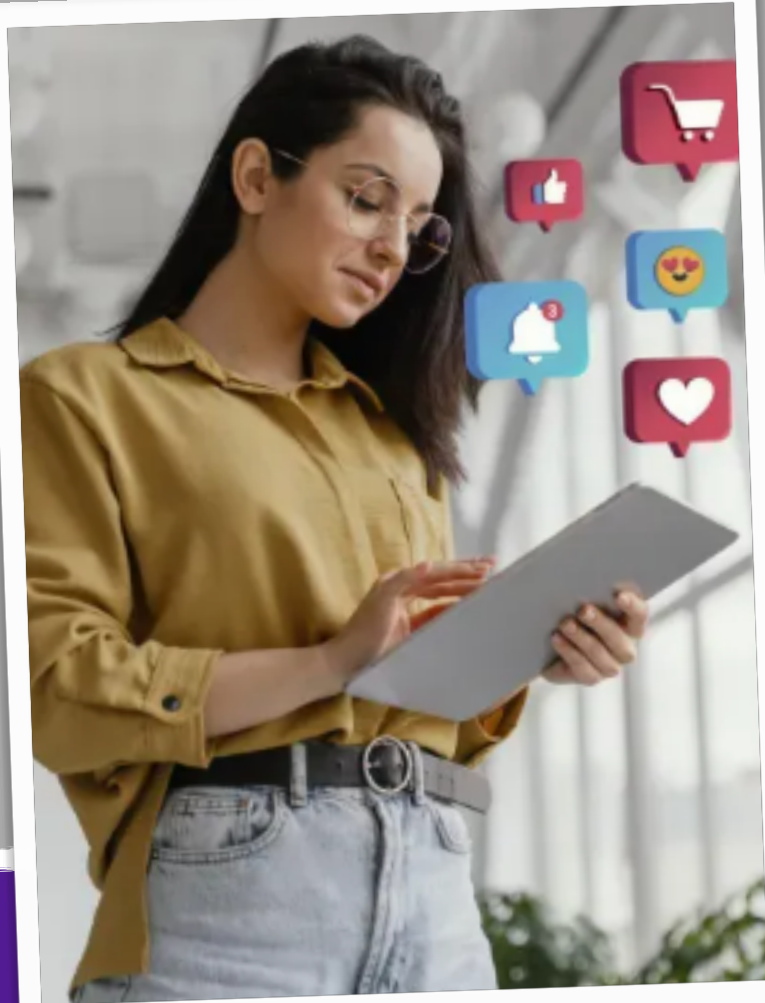
Entry Routes:

- ✓ A Level 2 qualification in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair.
- ✓ A driving licence for road testing the vehicles you've repaired.
- ✓ You can gain your Level 2 qualification via apprenticeship or via a college course.
- ✓ Work experience at a garage would be helpful in this role.

Key Words

- ◆ Repair
- ◆ Service
- ◆ Parts
- ◆ Safety
- ◆ Compliance
- ◆ Workshop





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 17th November 2025

Careers in Focus Series

Social Media Manager

Entry Routes:

- ✓ There are no set requirements, but some employers ask for you to have a degree in subjects like: advertising, media and communications, digital marketing, journalism, public relations or business management.
- ✓ You can get this job without a degree if you have the right skills and experience - such as: excellent ICT skills, and/or experience managing social media accounts.

Key Words

- ◆ Post
- ◆ Target Audience
- ◆ Promote
- ◆ Content
- ◆ Influence
- ◆ Feedback





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 24th November 2025

Careers in Focus Series

Interior Designer

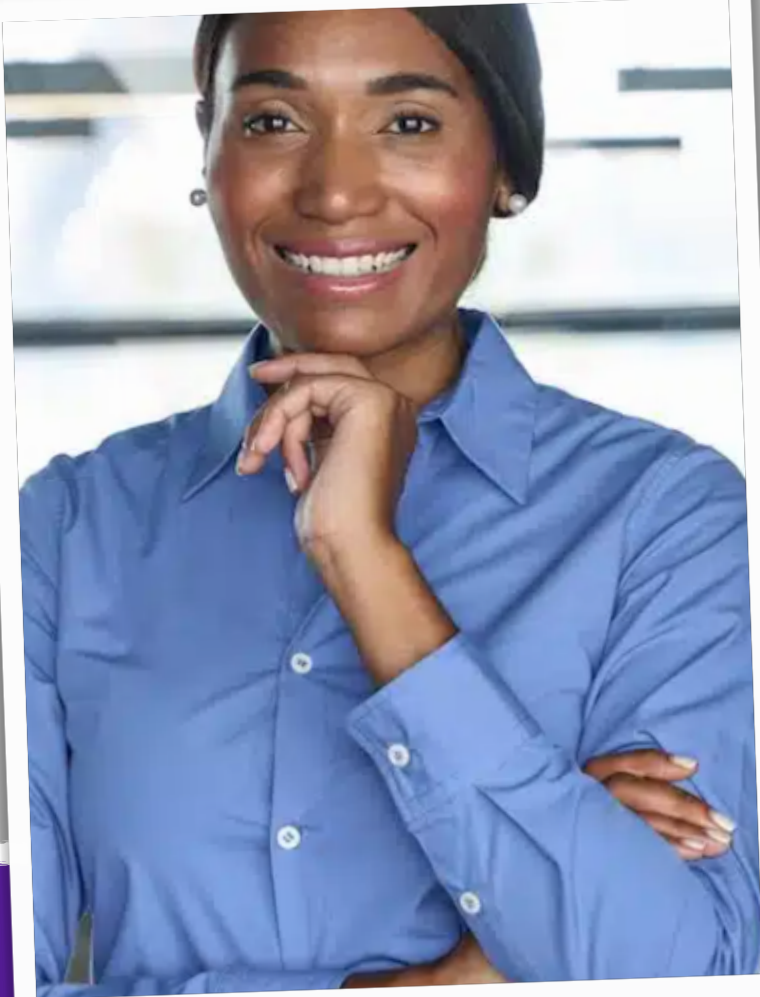
Entry Routes:

- ✓ You'll need a high level of design skill. Completing a higher education course in an art or design-related subject will help.
- ✓ It'll also be helpful for you have completed paid / unpaid work experience to give you the chance to develop your portfolio (examples of your design work), make contacts, and impress potential employers.

Key Words

- ◆ Clients
- ◆ Requirements
- ◆ Designs
- ◆ Budget
- ◆ Estimates
- ◆ Textiles





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 1st December 2025

Careers in Focus Series

Human Resources Manager

Entry Routes:

- ✓ You'll usually need human resources (HR) experience, and an HND or degree in HR management, business management or a related subject.
- ✓ Some companies have general management or HR graduate training schemes.

Key Words

- ◆ Leading
- ◆ Organisation
- ◆ Liaison
- ◆ Recruitment
- ◆ Policies
- ◆ Welfare





Forestry Worker

Entry Routes:

- ✓ There is no set route, but it may be helpful to have:
- ✓ School leaver qualifications, like GCSEs, A Levels and/or BTEC qualifications.
- ✓ Gain a qualification in forestry, perhaps through college or an apprenticeship.
- ✓ Get some volunteering experience with a woodland or wildlife charity

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Key Words

- ◆ Digging
- ◆ Felling
- ◆ Clearing
- ◆ Planting
- ◆ Maintaining
- ◆ Protecting





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 15th December 2025

Careers in Focus Series

Santa Claus Impersonator

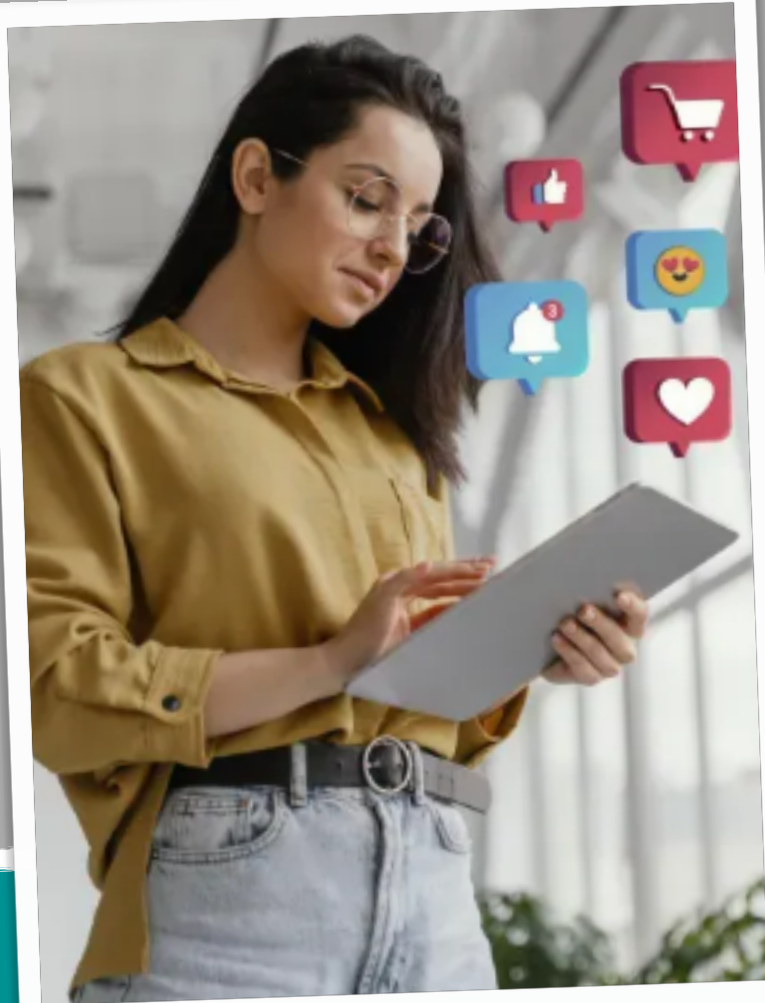
Entry Routes:

- ✓ Santa Claus impersonators are professional performers who can be hired for events like parties, corporate functions, and visits to places like shopping centres or grottoes.
- ✓ These performers are often professional actors who maintain character for the duration of the event, so a good grasp of Drama and Theatre studies is helpful.
- ✓ It would be good if you had an understanding of handling reindeers, and had your sleigh licence!

Key Words

- ◆ Christmas
- ◆ Holidays
- ◆ Joy
- ◆ Festive
- ◆ Reindeer
- ◆ Sleigh





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 5th January 2026

Careers in Focus Series

Social Media Manager

Entry Routes:

- ✓ There are no set requirements, but some employers ask for you to have a degree in subjects like; advertising, media and communications, digital marketing, journalism, public relations or business management.
- ✓ You can get this job without a degree if you have the right skills and experience - such as: excellent ICT skills, and/or experience managing social media accounts.

Key Words

- ◆ Post
- ◆ Target Audience
- ◆ Promote
- ◆ Content
- ◆ Influence
- ◆ Feedback





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 12th January 2026

Careers in Focus Series

Television Presenter

Entry Routes:

- ✓ There are no set requirements. Competition for jobs is strong though so you will need determination, persistence, and the ability to network and promote yourself.
- ✓ Some presenters move into TV from other areas of the media like journalism or media research. You may need a degree or detailed knowledge if you want to work as a presenter for specialist programmes like science, history or property development.

Key Words

- ◆ Journalist
- ◆ Recording
- ◆ Projects
- ◆ Creating
- ◆ Delivering
- ◆ News





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 19th January 2026

Careers in Focus Series

Town Planner

Entry Routes:

- ✓ You'll need an undergraduate or a postgraduate degree in a subject like town planning, urban planning, or urban design.
- ✓ A related subject like architecture, environment and development, or engineering, would help, too.
- ✓ You could study part-time for a qualification while working in a role like planning technician or support staff member.

Key Words

- ◆ Plans
- ◆ Surveying
- ◆ Geographical
- ◆ Transport
- ◆ Systems
- ◆ Urban





Art Therapist

Entry Routes:

- ✓ You'll need a degree in art therapy or another relevant subject like fine art, design, psychology, social work, nursing, or teaching.
- ✓ You may also need to complete a postgraduate course in art therapy or art psychotherapy.
- ✓ In some countries, this course will need to be approved by a body of professionals (like the Health and Care Professions Council in UK).

Key Words

- ◆ Techniques
- ◆ Materials
- ◆ Artistic
- ◆ Skills
- ◆ Expression
- ◆ Feelings



RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 26th January 2026

Careers in Focus Series



RFSS Career of the Week
W/C: Monday 2nd February 2026
Careers in Focus Series

Dermatologist

Entry Routes:

- ✓ To become a dermatologist, you'll need to complete speciality training. Prior to starting your specialty training you need to have completed a medical degree. After your degree, speciality training can take between four and five years, depending on where you live.
- ✓ If you have already made a decision to pursue a career in dermatology, try to get experience in the specialty or related areas such as genitourinary medicine, rheumatology, medical oncology, and immunology.

Key Words

- ◆ Examine
- ◆ Diagnose
- ◆ Treatment
- ◆ Conditions
- ◆ Skin
- ◆ Research





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 9th February 2026

Careers in Focus Series

Investment Banker

Entry Routes:

- ✓ You'll usually need a 2:1 degree or higher to be recruited by an investment bank. This can be in any subject, though a related topic like mathematics, finance, economics, or business is a plus. You'll be doing training on the job, and you might have to take exams for the first few years of your career. Work experience in the industry is essential, so you'll need to complete an internship, or other work placement with an investment bank before graduation. These can be competitive so check out what opportunities are out there.

Key Words

- ◆ Investing
- ◆ Markets
- ◆ Budgets
- ◆ Corporate
- ◆ Trading
- ◆ Borrowing





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 23rd February 2026

Careers in Focus Series

Retail Buyer

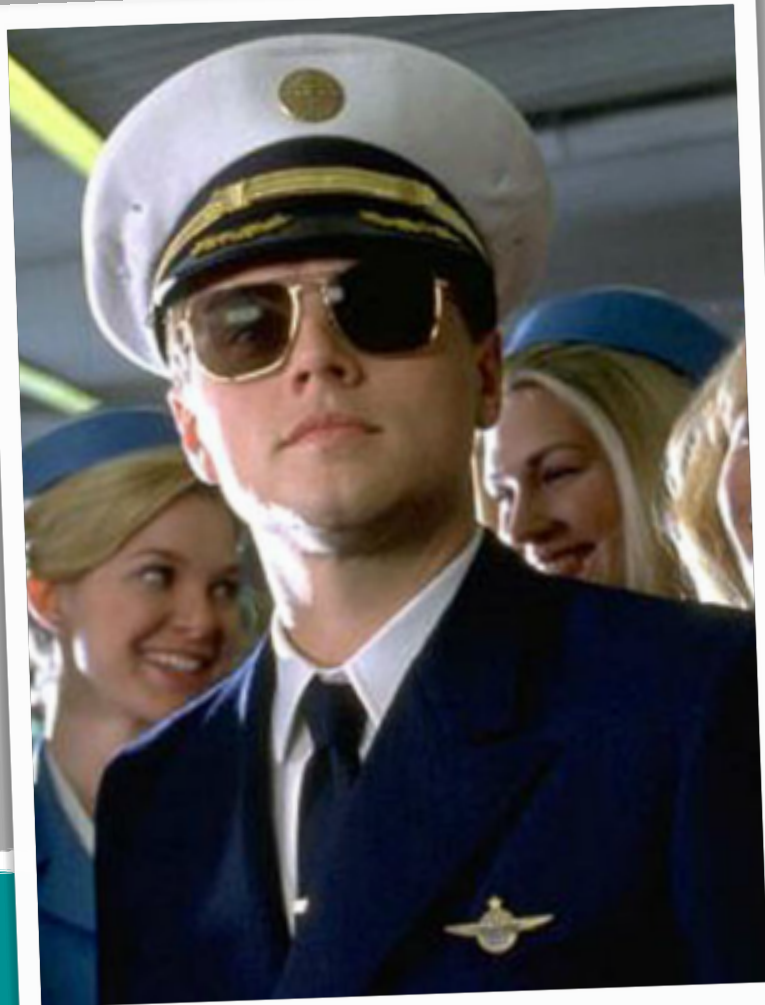
Entry Routes:

- ✓ You'll usually need a degree or college qualification in retail or business. Some retail experience will also help.
- ✓ Some companies offer buyer training schemes or management training schemes where you can specialise in buying.
- ✓ You may also be able to work your way up from the shop floor to the role of buyer's administration assistant, then assistant or junior buyer. You could start retail training through an apprenticeship.

Key Words

- ◆ Negotiate
- ◆ Prices
- ◆ Audit
- ◆ Adapt
- ◆ Products
- ◆ Target Market





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 2nd March 2026

Careers in Focus Series

Airline Pilot

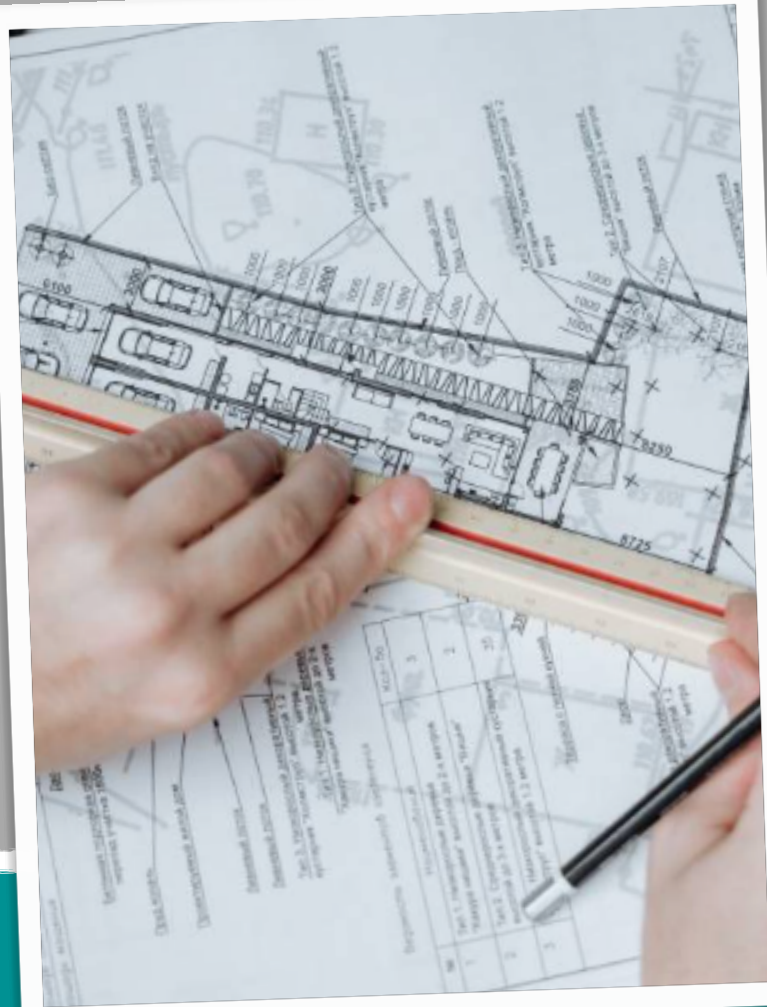
Entry Routes:

- ✓ Pass a medical exam and background check.
- ✓ Complete a pilot training course like the ATPL which requires a certain number of hours and experience to become 'unfrozen' and usable in the industry - this can be very expensive.
- ✓ You could undertake an aviation degree but this isn't always necessary.

Key Words

- ◆ Checks
- ◆ Safety
- ◆ Routes
- ◆ Reports
- ◆ Timescales
- ◆ Progress





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 9th March 2026

Careers in Focus Series

Structural Engineer

Entry Routes:

- ✓ University degree, Apprenticeship or Higher National Diploma (HND).
- ✓ You usually need GCSEs at grades 9-4 and post 16 qualifications like A-Levels, sometimes including maths and science, beforehand.

Key Words

- ◆ Construction
- ◆ Plans
- ◆ Design
- ◆ Sustainability
- ◆ Health and Safety
- ◆ Emissions





Neurologist

Entry Routes:

- ✓ Complete a degree in medicine
- ✓ Complete general training, such as a foundation programme in the UK
- ✓ Complete at least two or three years of specialty training, sometimes referred to as a fellowship
- ✓ To enter medical school, you'll often need to complete vigorous exams, such as the UCAT or BMAT (in the UK).

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Key Words

- ◆ Treatment
- ◆ Investigate
- ◆ Diagnose
- ◆ Support
- ◆ System
- ◆ Neurological





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W/C: Monday 23rd March 2026

Careers in Focus Series

Geospatial Technician

Entry Routes:

- ✓ As there's no typical route for career development, career progression can depend on where you start.
- ✓ Teams are often made up of a range of professionals including cartographers, computer programmers, data analysts, information officers/managers and project managers.
- ✓ You may be able to progress on to team leader, project manager and then to overall geospatial / GIS manager, although there are other possibilities.

Key Words

- ◆ Maps
- ◆ Satellite Navigation
- ◆ Drones
- ◆ GPS
- ◆ Environments
- ◆ Databases





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 13th April 2026

Careers in Focus Series

Child Psychologist

Entry Routes:

- ✓ To practice as a clinical child psychologist or a school psychologist, you'll usually need:
- ✓ A good undergraduate degree (usually second class or higher)
- ✓ An accredited postgraduate degree to doctoral level (PsyD or PhD)
- ✓ At least a year's full-time experience working with children and young people in an education, health, social care, youth justice, or childcare setting.

Key Words

- ◆ Listening
- ◆ Recording
- ◆ Well-being
- ◆ Safeguarding
- ◆ Projects
- ◆ Mind





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 20th April 2026

Careers in Focus Series

Cyber Security Analyst

Entry Routes:

- ✓ You'll usually need to complete a degree or degree apprenticeship in a relevant subject like: cyber security, information security, network security, ICT, computer science, digital and technology solutions or computing and information systems.
- ✓ You could also enter the role without a degree. You could, for example, start in an entry-level IT role and work your way up to cyber security analyst by gaining experience and industry certifications.

Key Words

- ◆ Install
- ◆ Manage
- ◆ Update
- ◆ Scrutinise
- ◆ Systems
- ◆ Attacks





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 27th April 2026

Careers in Focus Series

Office Manager

Entry Routes:

- ✓ You'll usually need management experience to get into this type of work. You may be able to start as an office supervisor or assistant within a company, then move up through training and promotion.
- ✓ Some employers offer graduate training schemes. A degree in any subject may be acceptable but business management, business studies or business administration may give you an advantage.

Key Words

- ◆ Processes
- ◆ Support
- ◆ Appraisal
- ◆ Compliance
- ◆ Performance
- ◆ Control





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Tuesday 5th May 2026

Careers in Focus Series

Emergency Doctor

Entry Routes:

- ✓ Complete a degree in medicine.
- ✓ Complete general training, such as a residency programme in the USA or a foundation programme in the UK.
- ✓ Complete at least two or three years of specialty training.
- ✓ Long shifts including evenings, weekends and irregular hours due to the need to be 'on call'.

Key Words

- ◆ Diagnose
- ◆ Prioritise
- ◆ Respond
- ◆ Critical
- ◆ Calm
- ◆ Communication





RFSS Career of the Week

W/C: Monday 11th May 2026

Careers in Focus Series

Events Manager

Entry Routes:

- ✓ Get a part-time or temporary job working in events.
- ✓ Complete a qualification, like a certificate, degree, or apprenticeship in events management.
- ✓ Do some volunteering for events, like setting up a fundraiser, running social media channels, or flyering.
- ✓ Apply for entry level roles, like admin assistant, in marketing, public relations (PR), or events companies.

Key Words

- ◆ Catering
- ◆ Organisation
- ◆ Bespoke
- ◆ Creative
- ◆ Individualised
- ◆ Aesthetics

