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**Careers events calendar 2021/22**

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| **Year-round projects** | | |
| Energy Quest  *STEM Challenge* | Energy Quest is a curriculum-linked programme for schools which encourages young people to find out all about sustainable energy and learn about associated engineering careers. | https://www.engineeringuk.com/our-programmes/energy-quest/ |
| Greenpower Electric Car Challenge | Greenpower inspire young people around the world to excel in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths through a unique challenge: to design, build and race an electric car. | https://www.greenpower.co.uk/ |
| Step into the NHS Competition | Students to choose an NHS career that interests them and create a job description and an advert. Students can work on their own or in teams of up to four. | https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/schools |
| BASE Business and Accounting Competition  *16-17 year olds* | An exciting experience where students take part in team challenges; giving them an understanding of what it’s like to be an ICAEW Chartered Accountant whilst developing their key employability skills. | https://careers.icaew.com/campaigns/base-competition |
| Tomorrow’s Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge | Student teams learn how to build, program and control autonomous LEGO robots to complete a series of short, exciting missions using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® Education EV3 sets. Activities can be run with your team outside the classroom or during lessons. | https://roboticschallenge.org.uk/ |

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| **September** | | | |
| All month and 21st | World Alzheimer’s Month | The aim of the month is to raise awareness and challenge stigma surrounding Alzheimer’s and dementia. The event has been running since 2012, and September 21st is World Alzheimer’s Day. | https://www.worldalzmonth.org/ |
| All month | Organic September | Organic September is a month-long campaign which aims to raise awareness of Organic products, and the brands, producers and farmers who bring them to us in the UK. | https://www.soilassociation.org/organic-living/try-organic/organicseptember/ |
| All month | Festival of Learning Have a Go Month | Festival of Learning is the biggest celebration of lifelong learning in England. Our aim is to celebrate the benefits of lifelong learning and inspire more people to have a go at learning for themselves. | http://www.festivaloflearning.org.uk/ |
| All month | Stand Up for Food Month | Guardians of Grub [Stand Up For Food month](https://www.guardiansofgrub.com/join-us), when businesses from across the hospitality and food service sector will be measuring their food waste and making changes to lower the amount of perfectly good food wasted. | http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/stand-food-month |
| All month | World Fun Fair Month | World Fun Fair Month is a month of celebrating the past, raising awareness for the present and protecting the future of all Traveling Fairgrounds and funfairs internationally please support your local Fun fairs !!! | http://www.future4fairgrounds.com/ |
| 7th | Youth Mental Health Day | Youth Mental Health Day encourages understanding and discussion of mental health in young people, enabling them to live happy and healthylives all year round. | https://stem4.org.uk/youthmentalhealthday/ |
| 8th | World PT (Physiotherapy) Day | The campaign materials for World PT Day 2021 will focus on the role of physiotherapy in Long COVID. | https://world.physio/wptday |
| 14th – 20th | National Coding Week  *Upskilling staff and parents* | Opportunity to raise the profile of coding. Children are learning digital skills in school or through coding clubs such as CoderDojo. We therefore would like these clubs to open their doors to parents for a one-off session in which the children will teach the adults some of the skills they have learnt | https://codingweek.org/ |
| 20th – 26th | Recycle week | This year’s theme: Step it up this Recycle Week - retailers, brands, waste management companies, trade associations, governments and the media come together to achieve one goal: to galvanise the public into recycling more of the right things, more often. | https://www.recyclenow.com/recycling-knowledge/recycle-week-campaign |
| 22nd | World Car Free Day | All around the world towns and cities allow people to experience streets free of motor traffic. | https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/about-us/our-work-in-action/world-car-free-day |
| 27th | World Tourism Day | On this World Tourism Day, the COVID-19 pandemic represents an opportunity to rethink the future of the tourism sector, including how it contributes to the sustainable development goals, through its social, cultural, political, and economic value. | https://www.un.org/en/observances/tourism-day |
| 29th – 30th | West National Apprenticeship Show  *Cheltenham Racecourse* | Bringing together employers, colleges and providers with those wanting to find out more about what apprenticeships can offer. | https://www.nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/ |
| 30th | International Translation Day | International Translation Day is meant as an opportunity to pay tribute to the work of language professionals, which plays an important role in bringing nations together, facilitating dialogue, understanding and cooperation, contributing to development and strengthening world peace and security. | https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-translation-day |

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| **October** | | | |
| All month | Black History Month | Black History Month UK magazine is launching a new campaign to mark Black History Month 2021 in October. Inspired by the 2020 Black Lives Matter events, the new campaign is called ‘Proud To Be’. | https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/ |
| All month | International Walk to School Month |  | https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/international-walk-to-school-month |
| 5th | World Teacher Day | Held annually on the 5th October, WTD has become the occasion to mark progress and reflect on ways to counter the remaining challenges for the promotion of the teaching profession. | https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/ worldteachersday |
| 4th – 10th | World Space Week | World Space Week is the largest space event on Earth. More than 8,000 events in 96 countries celebrated “Satellites Improve Life.”. This year’s theme is “**Women in Space”** | https://www.worldspaceweek.org/ |
| 10th | World Mental Health Day | The [World Health Organisation](http://www.who.int/mental_health/world-mental-health-day/en/) recognises World Mental Health Day on 10 October every year. This year's theme set by the [World Federation for Mental Health](https://wfmh.global/world-mental-health-day-2020/) is 'mental health for all'. | https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day |
| 13th – 14th | Skills Yorkshire and the Humber  *15-24 year olds and their families* | Skills London is the UK’s biggest jobs and careers event provides young people with the opportunity to find inspiration and make that life-changing connection, while enabling organisations to spark a connection with their future talent. | https://www.xpobuzz.com/company/prospects-events-1 |
| 13th – 14th | World Skills UK Spotlight Talks | Spotlight Talks: Inspiring careers excellence brought together the UK’s leading employers and apprentices to inspire even more young people, from all walks of life, to take up technical career routes and apprenticeships. | https://www.worldskillsuk.org/careers-advice/spotlight-talks-inspiring-careers-excellence/?dm\_t=0,0,0,0,0 |
| 14th | World Sight Day | This annual event, which is always held on the second Thursday of October, is aiming to draw attention to a range of issues surrounding blindness and visual impairment. | https://www.iapb.org/advocate/world-sight-day/ |
| 16th | World Food Day | World Food Day is celebrated annually on 16 October to promote global awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger, and to highlight the need to ensure healthy diets for all. | http://www.fao.org/world-food-day/home/en/ |
| 17th – 24th | One World Week | Theme for 2021 is Act Now for Our Children’s World. To share understanding about some of the global issues that affect us all and to recognise we can all make a difference. | https://www.oneworldweek.org/ |
|  | National Skills Day |  |  |
|  | Digital Leaders week | A chance for schools to invite in employers from the digital sector to raise awareness of the careers within this area. | https://digileaders.com/week/ |
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| 27th | National Mentoring Day | Opportunity to raise the profile of mentoring for young people and to encourage more people to sign up to be mentors. | www.nationalmentoringday.org |
| 18th – 22nd | Love Our Colleges Week | The Love Our Colleges campaign is an opportunity to highlight the brilliant work that goes on in colleges, and the brilliant staff that make it all possible. | https://loveourcolleges.co.uk/ |
| 4th – 10th | Rail Week | A dedicated week of activity which aims to address the skills shortage in rail-related roles and inspire a generation of young people through a series of events, visits and talks. | https://www.railweek.com/ |
| **November** | | | |
| 8th | International Day of Radiology | As every year, the **International Day of Radiology (IDoR2020)** will once again be celebrated on **November 8**with the aim of building greater awareness of the value that radiology contributes to safe patient care, and improving public understanding of the vital role radiologists and radiographers play in the healthcare continuum. | https://www.internationaldayofradiology.com/ |
| 8th – 12th | Tomorrow’s Engineers Week | Themed week of events and resources on engineering. Downloadable toolkits and resources available. #TEWeek21 will look at how engineers and engineering can contribute to tackling climate change and achieving net zero. | https://www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk/tomorrow-s-engineers-week/ |
| 8th – 12th | Global Entrepreneurship Week | Thousands of events and competitions in 170 countries inspire millions to engage in entrepreneurial activity. | https://genglobal.org/united-kingdom |
| 17th | World Philosophy Day | By celebrating World Philosophy Day each year, on the third Thursday of November, UNESCO underlines the enduring value of philosophy for the development of human thought, for each culture and for each individual. | https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/philosophyday |
| 10th Central  17th North  18th South | National Apprenticeship Show | Bringing together employers, colleges and providers with those wanting to find out more about what apprenticeships can offer.  All events in 2021 are taking place virtually with live events scheduled in 2022 | https://www.nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/ |
|  | World Skills Live  *NEC Birmingham* | The UK’s largest interactive apprenticeships, skills and careers event. This event is divided into four areas, each providing a focus on particular industry sectors:  - Construction & Infrastructure  - Health, Hospitality & Lifestyle  - Digital, Business & Creative  - Engineering & Technology | https://www.worldskillsuk.org/directions/worldskills-uk-live |
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| 26th – 27th | Skills London  *15-24 year olds and their families* | Skills London is the UK’s biggest jobs and careers event provides young people with the opportunity to find inspiration and make that life-changing connection, while enabling organisations to spark a connection with their future talent. | https://www.xpobuzz.com/company/prospects-events-1 |
|  | Takeover Challenge | Puts children and young people into real-life decision-making positions in organisations. Children gain a valuable insight and gain experience of a workplace, while organisations benefit from a fresh perspective on their work. | https://www.firstcareers.co.uk/takeover-challenge/ |
| 10th | BIMA Digital Day | Linking industry professionals with schools and Colleges to raise awareness of the opportunities for young people in the digital sector | https://bima.co.uk/bima-programmes/bima-digital-day/ |
| TBC | Discover Creative Careers Week | A week dedicated to celebrating creative careers. | https://discovercreative.careers/#/ |
| TBC | #iwill campaign | The #iwill campaign wants to make participation in social action the norm for young people under 20. | https://www.iwill.org.uk/ |
| **December** | | | |
| 3rd | International Day of Persons with Disabilities |  |  |
| 5th | International Volunteers Day | Opportunity to raise the profile of volunteering, volunteering can also be a good way for people to get into employment through learning the skills needed for the world of work. | https://www.un.org/en/observances/volunteer-day |
| 5th | World Soil Day | World Soil Day (WSD) is held annually on 5 December as a means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate for the sustainable management of soil resources. | https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-soil-day |
| 7th | International Civil Aviation Day | The purpose of International Civil Aviation Day is to help generate and reinforce worldwide awareness of the importance of international civil aviation to social and economic development. | ahttps://www.icao.int/secretariat/secretarygeneral/ aviationday/pages/default.aspx |
| **January** | | | |
| 24th | International Day of Education | Capturing the spirit of the International Day of Education, [UNESCO](https://unesco.org/) and partners have spearheaded the [Learning Planet Festival](https://www.learning-planet.org/en/festival) to celebrate learning in all contexts and share innovations that fulfil the potential of every learner, no matter what their circumstances. | https://www.un.org/en/observances/education-day |
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| **February** | | | |
| All month | LGBT History Month |  | https://lgbtplushistorymonth.co.uk/ |
| 11th | International Day of Women and Girls in Science | International awareness to recognise the critical role women and girls play in science and technology. Each year there is a different theme. | https://www.un.org/en/observances/women-and-girls-in-science-day |
| 7th – 12th ??? TBC | National Apprenticeship Week | An annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships across England and is a time to recognise and applaud apprenticeship success stories across the country. | https://amazingapprenticeships.com/naw2021/ |
| TBC | STEM Club Week |  | https://www.stem.org.uk/news-and-views/news/stem-clubs-week-here |
| 21st | World NGO Day | #WorldNGODay An opportunity to inspire people to consider a career within the NGO/Non-profit sector. | https://worldngoday.org/ |
| 21st – 6th March | Fairtrade Fortnight | Celebrate the people who grow our food and drink. | https://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/take-action/fairtrade-fortnight-2021/ |
| **March** | | | |
| 1st & 2nd London and SE  7th & 8th South West  15th & 16th Central | National Apprenticeship Show | Bringing together employers, colleges and providers with those wanting to find out more about what apprenticeships can offer. | https://www.nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/ |
| 3rd | World Book Day | Designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, World Book Day is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. | https://www.worldbookday.com/ |
| 4th | World Engineering Day | Engineering for A Healthy Planet: Celebrating the UNESCO Engineering Report  [#WorldEngineeringDay](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23worldengineeringday&src=recent_search_click&f=live) | http://worldengineeringday.net/ |
| 7th – 14th | National Careers Week | A celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education. | https://nationalcareersweek.com/ |
| 7th – 13th | Food Waster Action Week | WRAP & Love Food Hate Waste dedicate a week of action to raising awareness of the environmental consequences of wasting food,and promoting activities that help reduce the amount of food wasted. | https://wrap.org.uk/taking-action/citizen-behaviour-change/love-food-hate-waste/key-campaigns/food-waste-action-week |
| 8th | International Women’s Day | #ChooseToChallenge beyond International Women’s Day: From challenge comes change, so let's all choose to challenge. | https://www.internationalwomensday.com/ |
| 11th – 20th | British Science Week | Events, school projects, challenges. Grants, support and resources available. | https://www.britishscienceweek.org/ |
| 14th | Pi Day | Pi Day is an annual opportunity for math enthusiasts to recite the infinite digits of Pi, talk to their friends about math, and eat pie. | https://www.piday.org/ |
| 21st | International Day of Forests | The theme for 2021 is "Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being." The restoration and sustainable management of forests help address the climate-change and biodiversity crises. It also produces goods and services for sustainable development, fostering an economic activity that creates jobs and improves lives. | https://www.un.org/en/observances/forests-and-trees-day |
| 22nd | World Water Day | Water means different things to different people. This conversation is about what water means to you. | https://www.worldwaterday.org/ |
| 27th | World Theatre Day | This is a celebration for those who can see the value and importance of the art form “theatre”. | https://www.world-theatre-day.org/ |
| TBC | National Career Guidance Show | The National Career Guidance Show offers free CPD, in an informal setting, to careers advisers, learning and development managers, teachers and practitioners working across all sectors. Across four shows, over 200 exhibition stands and over 40 seminars provide professionals with unbeatable access to up-to-date information to support their clients, as well as important networking opportunities | https://prospectsevents.co.uk/our-events/national-career-guidance-show/ncgs-london-2020/ |
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| TBC | Big Bang Fair |  | https://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk/ |
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| TBC | Open Doors: Get into Construction | A unique chance for you to see behind the scenes at major ‘live’ construction sites across England, Scotland and Wales. | https://opendoors.construction/ |
| **April** | | | |
| All month | National Pet Month | National Pet Month (NPM) celebrates and raises awareness of responsible pet ownership through our educational campaigns and resources across our various platforms. | https://www.nationalpetmonth.org.uk/ |
| 6th | International Day of Sport | The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace presents an opportunity to recognize the role that sport and physical activity plays in communities and in people’s lives across the world. | https://www.un.org/en/observances/sport-day |
| 7th | World Health Day | Over the past 50 years this has brought to light important health issues such as mental health, maternal and child care, and climate change. The celebration serves as an opportunity to focus worldwide attention on these important aspects of global health. | https://www.who.int/westernpacific/news/events/world-health-day |
| 15th | World Art Day | World Art Day is an occasion to shine a light on arts education in schools, as culture can pave the way for inclusive and equitable education. | https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldartday |
| 15th | Micro Volunteering Day | This promotes awareness of the microvolunteering concept and how it can enable worthy causes and individuals to better the world via bite-sized actions. | https://www.microvolunteeringday.com/about.html |
| TBC | UK Fin Tech Week | Online events, showcasing the finance sector. | https://www.innovatefinance.com/ukfintechweek/ |
| TBC | English Tourism Week | Opportunity to promote jobs within the tourism sector and invite in local tourism employers/employees. | https://www.visitbritain.org/english-tourism-week |
| 22nd | Earth Day | Climate Change action events | https://www.earthday.org/ |
| 27th | International Design Day | On this day, we challenge designers to reflect deeply on the well-being of people within their local environments, and to find innovative solutions to local needs by using design as a vehicle to honour diversity and transcend borders. | https://www.ico-d.org/projects/world-design-day |
| **May** | | | |
| 3rd | World Press Freedom Day | 3 May acts as a reminder to governments of the need to respect their commitment to press freedom and is also a day of reflection among media professionals about issues of press freedom and professional ethics. | https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldpressfreedomday |
| 4th | International Firefighters Day | International Firefighters’ Day (IFFD) is a time where the world’s community can recognise and honour the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible. | https://www.firefightersday.org/ |
| 5th | International Day of the Midwife | Advocating for investment in quality midwifery care around the world, improving sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health in the process. | https://www.internationalmidwives.org/icm-events/international-day-of-the-midwife-2021.html |
| 12th | International Nurses Day | International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world every May 12, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth | https://www.rcn.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/nurses-day |
| Mid May – Mid June | National Smile Month? | The Oral Health Foundation will be raising awareness of important health issues and ready to put a smile on everybody's face. | https://www.dentalhealth.org/national-smile-month |
| 22nd | International Day for Biological Diversity |  | https://www.cbd.int/biodiversity-day |
| TBC | National Skills Days | A great chance for staff, students and parents to show their skills. | https://nationalcareersweek.com/national-skills-days/ |
| **June** | | | |
| All month | Pride month | Across the globe, various events are held during this special month as a way of recognising the influence LGBT people have had around the world. Why was June chosen? Because it is when the Stonewall Riots took place, way back in 1969. |  |
| 1st – 7th | Volunteers Week | Volunteers’ Week is an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering. | https://volunteersweek.org/ |
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| 5th | World Environment Day | World Environment Day calls for urgent action to revive our damaged ecosystems. | https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day |
| 23rd | International Women in Engineering Day | International awareness campaign to raise the profile of women in engineering and focus attention on the amazing career opportunities available to girls in this industry. | http://www.inwed.org.uk/ |
| 23rd | Public Services Day | So often people do amazing things without any thought of recognition, or any kind of reward. They are the ones who make all kinds of sacrifices to help make a difference; the ones who do the extraordinary, every day. And while they’re busy putting others first, they’d be the last ones to call themselves heroes. On United Nations Public Service Day we're proud to do it for them. We applaud them, for everything they do for us. | https://www.boundless.co.uk/landing/public-service-day |
| 24th & 25th | What University? & What Career? Live Virtual Event | The essential event for school and college leavers is going virtual. Speak to top universities and companies in real-time, get expert advice and benefit from one-to-one support to help you kick-start your future. | https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/virtual-june-2022 |
| **July** | | | |
| 15th | World Youth Skills Day | The United Nations, at its General Assembly in November 2014, declared 15 Julyas World Youth Skills Day. WorldSkills is proud to be part of a global recognition and promotion of skills. | https://worldskills.org/what/projects/world-youth-skills-day/ |
| 29th | International Tiger Day | Animal Conservation events | https://www.wwf.org.uk/get-involved/schools/calendar/international-tiger-day |