

# List of current opportunities for care leavers and children in care

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## Stoke-on-Trent City Council



### City of **Stoke-on-Trent**

The City Council have committed to offering 3 days' work experience to all children in care and care leavers; working closely with you to find the best placement. Previous opportunities have included placements with the grounds team, transformation teams, and crematorium teams.

To apply contact your PA or social worker who will contact [workplaceopportunities@stoke.gov.uk](mailto:workplaceopportunities@stoke.gov.uk) with you.

Additionally, if you are interested in any jobs you see on <https://webrecruitment.stoke.gov.uk/wrl/pages/searchResults.jsf>, speak to your PA or social worker about the application, and they will provide you with support.

## Stoke City football club



Stoke's largest football club, hosting championship team Stoke City F.C, has offered many positions for children in care, care leavers, and birth children of foster carers. The bet365 Stadium hosts matchdays as well as many other conferences and events, and is offering opportunities for work experience leading to paid employment.

- 12-week course for a range of employment opportunities in the club. These could include warehousing, construction, hospitality or catering.
- Short and long-term match day employment.
- Pathway to employment courses with guaranteed jobs upon completion of the course.
- Several sports-based apprenticeships on offer.

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Unitas



Unitas is the city council's housing repair and maintenance contractor, arranging and carrying out maintenance for more than 18,000 buildings across the city. They also support local communities in Stoke-on-Trent to create a positive impact and improve areas.

- 4-week work experience placement, based in different departments depending on goals of the candidate.
- Apprenticeship opportunity, including provided accommodation. Apprenticeships include various construction courses, administration, occupational health & safety, and accountancy.

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CyberKiln



CyberKiln are a web and app development company based in Stoke, at Staffordshire University.

- They can offer work experience and CV support for any young people interested in game design and testing, website development and digital solutions.

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WoolCool



WoolCool are a packaging company based in Stone, Staffordshire. Josie Morris set up the business on her own 14 years ago and now has offered to support some young people taking their first steps in their careers.

- WoolCool can offer interview practice and CV reviews, especially in engineering, marketing and sales.

- Mentoring for anyone that wants to start, or already has, their own business and would like some advice.

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## Food bank



Foodbank is a national charity run by local people, for local people to prevent hunger and poverty by providing emergency food and support during times of crisis.

- Apprenticeship opportunities in business admin & warehousing.
- Other volunteering opportunities are available across the city.

## Other structured opportunities

### Learn 4 work 16-19 Study Programme



Learn4Work is a training provider based in Stoke on Trent delivering work-based training to support an individual in successfully gaining a job, progressing in further study or a career. There is also additional support in the development of independent living. Offer includes:

- Robust Initial assessment to identify your starting point to design a programme tailored for you.
- Qualifications to help you start on the career ladder.
- Focus on Soft Skills required by all employers to be a valued member of a team.
- Support with building and developing your confidence in Maths and English.
- Projects in supporting your local community and building professional relationships

Contact [Carl.Twigg@stoke.gov.uk](mailto:Carl.Twigg@stoke.gov.uk) to discuss this opportunity.

### Positive Directions



Positive Directions is a skills-based programme to build confidence and work-related abilities to build your future. The course can open doors to further education and boost earning potential through traineeships and apprenticeships, including:

- Mentoring
- Blended learning in-classroom and online
- Links to major employers
- 6-week course and support afterwards
- Dedicated recur
- Recruitment team to help you find work when the course has finished
- Sector-specific work experience

Contact [James.West@stoke.gov.uk](mailto:James.West@stoke.gov.uk) to discuss this opportunity.