

## SOCIAL POLICY

# Where will your postgraduate degree take you?

BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE KINDS OF EMPLOYMENT SECTORS, ORGANISATIONS AND PROFESSIONS THAT RECENT SOCIAL POLICY POSTGRADUATES HAVE ENTERED, BASED ON RESPONSES TO 'DESTINATIONS OF LEAVERS' SURVEYS CONDUCTED SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION.

### Popular employment sectors

- Administration of the State and the economic and social policy of the community
- Employment placement agencies
- Engineering activities and related technical consultancy
- General public administration activities
- Higher education
- Human health activities
- Regulation of providing health care, education, cultural services and other social services
- Renting and operating of own or leased real estate
- Residential care activities for mental retardation, mental health and substance abuse
- Services to the community
- Social work
- Specialist medical practices

### Range of employers

- Birmingham City Council
- Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid
- Cafcass (Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service)
- Cedar Counselling
- Core Assets Fostering
- City of London Corporation

- Liquid Personnel (agency social work)
- Living Springs Family Centre
- National Institute of Adult Continuing Education
- Nottingham City Council
- Shelter
- Victim Support
- Wolverhampton City Council
- Coventry City Council
- Bristol City Council

### Range of occupations

- Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
- Case Work Manager
- Community Psychiatric Nurse
- Duty Commissioning Manager
- Family Support Worker
- Mental Health Support Worker
- Refuge Project Worker
- Residential Manager
- Social Worker
- Strategic Manager for Safeguarding
- Support and Reassessment Officer
- Teaching Fellow
- Team Manager – Social Care Services
- Workforce Developer
- Care Worker



I chose Birmingham's Social Research (Social Policy) MA programme because it's recognised by the Economic and Social Research Council and run by a Russell Group university that conducts world-leading research. Studying on the course was a really positive experience. I gained a lot of applicable skills and covered pretty much every major method used in social science, including statistics, quantitative interviews and linguistic analysis. Thanks to this broad training I can pretty much do anything in the field!

My MA dissertation research was on the representation of Bulgarians and Romanians in the UK media prior to the lifting of restrictions to their access to the UK labour market in 2014. I aim to be an academic and am now studying for a DPhil at the University of Oxford in its Centre on Migration, Policy and Society.

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