

SOCIAL WORK

Where will your postgraduate degree take you?

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

Range of 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



'Studying at university definitely developed my confidence, in particular when giving presentations and being able to interact with service users. I've gained a lot of knowledge of theories around people's behaviours and these have been helpful in understanding interactions outside of my 'work life' as well as during my placements. I've learnt skills like how to help other people and the importance of empowering them to help themselves. I've had the opportunity to do things I otherwise wouldn't have been able to and I've met lots of great people from all over the country.'

My advice to prospective students is to keep on top of current research. There's new social work research coming out all the time so if there's a particular area that interests you, read journal articles around the topic to further your understanding of the issues and use the information to improve your practice. When you're actually on placement, keep on top of your portfolio work. You don't want to find yourself the left with lots of documents that need completing and signing, particularly things like timesheets that you can be doing as you go along.'

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