







Careers Hub Calendar 2024-25

Introduction

Here in the West Midlands Combined Authority, we are gearing up for a packed year of events and activities to support you to plan and deliver your careers programme in 2024-25.

In addition to events/resources for students & parents you will find that your local Careers Hub will provide CPD opportunities for Careers Professionals and Teaching Staff — whether you need to update your knowledge of the local labour market, Apprenticeships and Technical Pathways or get some individual support with examples of how to provide meaningful encounters and experiences.

Any day is a good day to hold a career event, but busy educators can make use of our calendar to frame the opportunities for careers activities and inspire young people as they transition into the next phase of their education or career.

Whilst you are planning for the next academic year you can use our calendar to plot out key dates to harness young people's excitement for real world events. With several key dates such as National Apprenticeship Week and lesser-known key dates such as World Space Week, use our calendar to plan your programme making the most of the opportunities universally on offer. Use the calendar to plan your careers year and your local team will support you to find resources to help you plan your delivery.

The local teams look forward to seeing you all at the Careers Hub Meetings where you can meet likeminded colleagues and share good practise examples and resources. Your Coordinator will be on hand to work with you and your Enterprise Adviser to navigate through the Compass Audit toolkit and identify where you would like to do more. Compass+ continues to be developed and there will be some great additions and changes coming your way, we are hoping that every school will start to make use of the Future Skills Questionnaire, create targeted groups who need additional or different interventions and use Compass+ to track each to ensure each and every young person receives the encounters and experiences that will help shape their development.

Have a great year from all of us here at the West Midlands

Combined Authority and your local Careers hub – Birmingham - Black

Country – Coventry – Solihull

Careers Hub (wmca.org.uk)

Find my Future (wmca.org.uk)



The Careers & Enterprise Company

CEC provide free resources and tools to support Careers Leaders in all aspects of their role. Their Careers Leader training is CEC's most important and impactful offer for ALL Careers Leaders regardless of their experience.

View details of the Careers Leader Training

<u>Access Tools & Resources</u>

View Provider Access Legislation

Not Upgraded to Compass+ Yet?

If you are a school looking to upgrade from Compass Classic to Compass+, you can do this entirely remotely – start the process by logging into your Compass Classic account today.

View more information on Compass+



The Ask Programme

The Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for schools and colleges programme (ASK) will be back for the new academic year to support schools, students and their families to find out about Apprenticeships, Traineeships and T Levels.









CEC Careers Leader

Training Provider Cohort Course details across all training providers for 2024-25

CEC Careers Leader Training Provider Cohort Course Details

RGG Associates	Certificate in Career Leadership (CEC funded) - RGG Associates
Careers Connect	Services Archive - Career Connect
Teach First	Careers Leader Teach First
University of Huddersfield	Careers Leadership - University of Huddersfield
Causeway Education & University of Wolverhampton	School/College Improvement through Careers Leadership — Causeway Education
CDI	cdi-cec-career-leader-training-final-2023.pdf (careersandenterprise.co.uk)
Nottingham Trent University	Careers Leadership Postgraduate Certificate in Postgraduate taught; Professional Course Nottingham Trent University
Warwick University	PGA Careers Leadership - online (warwick.ac.uk)

The Careers & Enterprise Company (CEC) Compass+ Autumn Term Webinar schedule is live

For Compass+ training sessions, please use this link to view and book training available or to watch a recording of any session missed <u>View and book training available or watch a recording of missed sessions</u>

Careers Events Calendar 2024/2025

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
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/







Octobe	October 2024			
All month	Black History Month	This year, Black History Month will be dedicated to honouring the achievements of black women who are often the forgotten heroines. We want to amplify their voices and challenge the systems that oppress them. Each pack should be used as a set of source materials which individual organisations can customize, to reflect their precise needs and preferred house style.	https://www.blackhistorymonth.org. uk/ www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/ black-history-month-school-resourcepack-2023/	
All month	International Walk to School Month	Get your walking shoes on!	https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/ get-involved/campaign-with-us/ international-walk-to- school-month	
1 st - 3 rd	UK Construction Week Birmingham	UK Construction Week (UKCW), is a multi-award-winning trade show that will return to Birmingham's NEC, delivering the UK's largest event for the built environment on 3-5 October 2023.	UK Construction Week 2024: Welcome	
4 th - 10 th	World Space Week	World Space Week 2023 celebrates "Space and Entrepreneurship". Join thousands of participants in over 90 countries celebrating World Space Week	https://www.worldspaceweek.org/	
5 th	World Teacher Day	Held annually on 5 th 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	
8 th	The National Apprenticeship and Education Event – The Midlands	The National Apprenticeship and Education Event has been designed to inspire the next generation of young people no matter what background with apprenticeship, traineeship, T-levels and retraining opportunities.	The National Apprenticeship & Education Event - NORTH LONDON Tickets, Tue 8 Oct 2024 at 09:30 Eventbrite	
8 th	Ada Lovelace Day	Ada Lovelace Day (ALD) is an international celebration of the achievements of women in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). Why not invite one into a science lesson to inspire young people into STEM subjects		

10 th	World Mental Health Day	The World Health Organisation recognises World Mental Health Day on 10 October every year. The theme of 2024's World Mental Health Day is "It's time to prioritise mental health in the workplace." #WorldMentalHealthDay	World Mental Health Day – October 10th (wmhdofficial.com)
10 th	World Sight Day	World Sight Day is on Thursday 12 October 2023 and we are focusing the world's attention on the importance of eye care. We invite you to join us by prioritising your eye health and considering how eye care and rehabilitations services should be accessible, inclusive, and affordable to everyone, everywhere.	https://www.iapb.org/advocate/world-sight-day/
14 th – 20 th	Recycle Week	The Big Recycling Hunt – focuses on "missed capture": the items that can be recycled but are commonly missed in the home.	Recycle Week campaign Recycle Now
16 th	World Food Day	The worlds farmers produce enough food to feed more than the global population, yet hunger persists. Right to foods for a better life and a better future.	http://www.fao.org/world-food-day/home/en/
27 th	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

29 th	RSPB Feed the birds day	Wild birds are important to many people in society and have an	RSPB FEED THE BIRDS DAY - October 29, 2024 - National
		impact on our ecosystem. During this weekend The Royal Society for	<u>Today</u>
		the Protection of Birds (R.S.P.B.) advises people to put out food and	
		water for birds regularly. These can be kept in safe environments	
		where the birds can land, rest and replenish themselves. Birds can	
		be in danger of malnutrition during colder months. The weather	
		naturally limits the amount of food the birds get access to in the	
		wild.	

Novemb	November 2024		
8 th	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	www.internationaldayofradiology.com
10 th	Remembrance Sunday	We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those that have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.	www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ remembrance/remem-brance-events/ remembrance-sunday
11 th - 15 th	Tomorrow's Engineers Week	Tomorrow's Engineers Week aims to shine a spotlight on engineering, engineering careers and engineering professionals. From individual engineers to professional engineering institutions and global engineering companies, it's an opportunity to showcase modern engineering and inspirational engineers and technicians.	https://www.tomorrowsengineers.org. uk/tomorrow-s-engineers-week/

12th – 13th	National School of College Leavers Festival	NSCL Fest showcases all opportunities including Apprenticeships, Further and Higher Education, entry level roles, and general employment, offering visitors the chance to engage with England's top Employers, Colleges, Universities and Training Providers in a face-to-face, interactive environment.	www.thenec.co.uk/whats-on/the- national-school-college-leaver-festival/
		The National School + College Leaver Festival is the perfect opportunity for School and College leavers, as well as young adults, parents and carers, to discover more about post-School and post-College opportunities across England, from Liverpool to Manchester, all the way down to Bristol and London, and everywhere in between!	
13th	BIMA Digital Day	The only initiative of its kind, BIMA Digital Day gives 11-16 year olds an insight into a world of digital careers. Students compete in a sponsored, nationwide digital challenge for a chance to win £500 cash for their school and some fantastic prizes for themselves.	https://bima.co.uk/bima-programmes/bima-digital-day/
		Linking industry professionals with schools and Colleges to raise awareness of the opportunities for young people in the digital sector.	
18 th – 22 nd	Discover! Creative Careers Week	The week will give young people across England, industry-led encounters that will open their eyes to the wide range of jobs and pathways that underpin the thriving creative sectors. Schools/colleges can take part in the online programme delivered by Speakers for Schools, register interest in a workplace visit or host a talk or workshop. Registration is open to all schools/colleges in England.	Find your perfect role in the creative industries - Creative Careers (discovercreative.careers)
20th	Coventry Cultural Education Partnership – Creative Careers	CCEP will be hosting a range of events and activities across Coventry city centre arts and culture venues on Wednesday 20 th November 2024 as part of Discover! Creative Careers week aimed at KS3 students.	Enquiries coventrycep@gmail.com
21 st	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 everyone.	WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY - November 21, 2024 - National Today

Decembe	er 2024		
3 rd	International Day of Persons with disabilities	The annual observance of the day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with a disability. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with a disability in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.	International Day of People with Disabilities Events (idpwd.org)
5 th	World Soil Day	World Soil Day (WSD) is held annually on 5 December to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate for the sustainable management of soil resources	World Soil Day United Nations
7th	Small business Saturday	Celebrate entrepreneurial spirit by inviting some local small businesses to talk about their career journeys, how they built their own businesses and see them inspire your young people.	Small Business Saturday UK Another year making a Big Difference!
7 th	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. The theme until 2023 is "advancing Innovation for global aviation development"	www.icao.int/secretariat/ SecretaryGeneral/AviationDay/Pages/ default.aspx
January 2	2025		
24 th - 26 th	RSPB Big birdwatch	Big Garden Birdwatch is a wildlife survey organized to motivate everyone to take steps for the protection of these species and their habitat by counting and keeping track of birds in your garden.	Big Garden Birdwatch
24 th	International Day of Education	Capturing the spirit of the Internation Day of Education, <u>UNESCO</u> and partners have spearheaded the Learning Planet Festival to celebrate learning in all contexts and share innovations that fulfil the potential of every learner, no matter what their circumstances.	www.unesco.org/en/days/education

February 2025

All month	LGBT+ History month	BT History Month is an annual month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. It was founded in 1994 by Missouri high school history teacher Rodney Wilson.	https://lgbtplushistorymonth.co.uk/
10 th - 16 th	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.	National Apprenticeship Week
11 th	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
27 th	World NGO day	World NGO Day is an international day dedicated to recognise, celebrate and honour all non-government and non-profit organisations and the people behind them that contribute to the society all year round.	World NGO Day - February 27
28 th Feb & 1 st March	What University & What Career? Live Virtual Event	Held at the NEC benefit from one-to-one advice with expert advisors and get the support you need to take your next step with confidence	What University? & What Career? Live Birmingham (whatcareerlive.co.uk)
March 2	025		
3 rd — 8 th	National Careers Week	Empowering positive change through Careers Education 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/
3 rd – 9 th	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.	Food Waste Action Week WRAP
4th	World Engineering Day	International Day of Celebration of engineers and engineering	World Engineering Day - Engineering the Future - JCA Engineering
6 th	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/

7 th - 16 th	British Science Week	Events, school projects, challenges. Grants, support and resources available.	www.britishscienceweek.org
		Connections' is an apt theme for British Science Week 2023.	
8 th	International Women's Day	Celebrating women's achievements and reinforce a commitment to women's equality. Invite an inspiring female employee to speak to your female students about their career.	www.internationalwomensday.com/ events
14 th	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.	www.piday.org
17 th – 22 nd	Open Doors: Get into Construction	Open Doors goes behind the site hoardings to showcase the fantastic range of careers available in construction.	https://opendoors.construction/
18 th - 27 th	English Tourism week	Opportunity to promote jobs within the tourism sector and invite in local tourism employers/employees.	www.visitbritain.org/english-tourism- week
21 st	International Day of Forests	International Day of Forests aims to help the restoration and sustainable management of forests and to help address climate-change and biodiversity crises. It also produces goods and services for sustainable development, fostering an economic activity that creates jobs and improves lives.	INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS - March 21, 2025 - National Today
22 nd	World water day	Water means different things to different people. This conversation is about what water means to you.	www.worldwaterday.org
27 th	World Theatre Day	This is a celebration for those who can see the value and importance of the art form "theatre".	www.world-theatre-day.org

April 2025			
All month	National Pet Month	National Pet Month (NPM) celebrates and raises awareness of responsible pet ownership through our educational campaigns and resources across various platforms.	www.nationalpetmonth.org.uk
6 th	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

7 th	World Health Day	Over the past 50 years this has brought to light important health issues such as mental health, maternal and childcare and climate change. The celebration serves as an opportunity to focus worldwide attention on these important aspects of global health.	www.whathealth.com/awareness/event/worldhealthday.html
15 th	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.	WORLD ART DAY - April 15, 2025 - National Today
22 nd	Stephen Lawrence Day	Invite a relatable role model to come into mentor and judge you're your people's next social action project to benefit and improve your local community.	Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation: A Legacy For Change
22 nd	Earth Day	The theme for 2024 is Planet vs.Plastics. EARTHDAY.ORG is unwavering in our commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction of ALL plastics by 2040.	www.earthday.org
27 th	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	www.theicod.org/activities/ international-design-day

May 2025					
2 nd - 8 th	National BBQ Week	Invite volunteers to speak about their careers in food technology, food production and how this links with the curriculum they are studying.	Home - 27th National BBQ Week		
3 rd	World Press Freedom Day	3 rd May acts as a reminder to government 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	www.unesco.org/en/days/press-freedom- day		
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.	www.firefightersday.org		
5th	International Day of the Midwife	Advocating for investment in quality midwifery care around the world, improving sexual, reproductive, maternal, new-born, child and adolescent health in the process.	International Day of the Midwife		

International Nurses Day	International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world every May 12th, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth.	www.rcn.org.uk/get-involved/ campaign-with-us/nurses-day
Mental Health Awareness Week	Bringing an awareness of mental health for everyone.	Mental health awareness week - UK Health Public Health Network (ukpublichealthnetwork.org.uk)
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.	www.dentalhealth.org/national-smile- month
International Day for Biological Diversity	Biodiversity remains the answer to several sustainable development challenges. From nature-based solutions to climate, health issues, food and water security, and sustainable livelihoods, biodiversity is the foundation upon which we can build back better.	www.cbd.int/biodiversity-day
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Volunteers Week	Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering.	https://volunteersweek.org/ https://volunteersweek.org/about- volunteers-week/what-is-volunteersweek/
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.	www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about/
World Environment Day	World Environment Day calls for urgent action to revive our damaged ecosystems.	www.un.org/en/observances/ environment-day
Clean Air Day	Clean Air Day is the UK's largest air pollution campaign, bringing together communities, businesses, schools and the health sector.	www.actionforcleanair.org.uk/ campaigns/clean-air-day
	Mental Health Awareness Week National Smile Month International Day for Biological Diversity 5 Volunteers Week Pride Month World Environment Day	anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. Mental Health Awareness Week Rational Smile Month The Oral Health Foundation will be raising awareness of important health issues and ready to put a smile on everybody's face. Biodiversity remains the answer to several sustainable development challenges. From nature-based solutions to climate, health issues, food and water security, and sustainable livelihoods, biodiversity is the foundation upon which we can build back better. Volunteers Week Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering. 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. World Environment Day Clean Air Day Clean Air Day is the UK's largest air pollution campaign, bringing together

23rd	Public Services Day	So often people do amazing things without any thought or 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.	www.boundless.co.uk/landing/public- service-day
ТВС	Maths Week London	London brings children, teachers and families together every year, to celebrate maths across the capital.	www.mathsweeklondon.org

July 2025						
29 th	International Tiger Day	Affected by: Illegal wildlife trade, human wildlife conflict, habitat loss and fragmentation, climate change.	www.wwf.org.uk/get-involved/ schools/calendar/international-ti-gerday			
		The beautiful, awe-inspiring tiger is one of our planet's most iconic animals. But here's the shocking truth. Wild tiger numbers dropped by more than 95% since the				
		beginning of the 20 th century.				







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