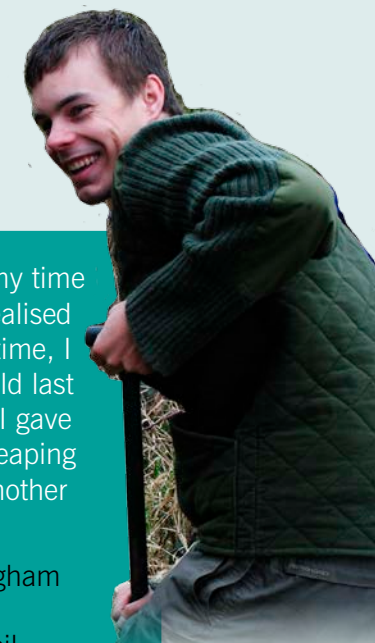


The Positives



"I learnt so much during my time as a volunteer. I quickly realised that by giving a bit of my time, I could learn skills that would last me a lifetime. I'm so glad I gave it a chance and now I'm reaping the benefits working for another local authority"

Dan Charlesworth, Nottingham Sherwood Forest Ranger, Nottingham County Council

What will I get out of it?

- A new challenge
- An opportunity to gain 'real' work experience and training
- The chance to be mentored by a local government employee in the field of your choice
- Interactive interview training with people your age
- Help with searching and applying for real jobs
- A reference from Leicestershire County Council
- A certificate to show to employers
- Signposting to follow on support services
- For those on JSA, work experience to contribute towards your diary
- Out of pocket expenses will be covered
- A chance to meet new people and have new experiences

Can I apply?

- Are you **16-25 or up to 30 with additional needs**?
- Are you **looking for a job**?
- Are you a **school leaver? Graduate? Preparing to leave education**?
- Need a **change in direction**?
- Been **unemployed** for a long time?
- Are you **enthusiastic**?
- Free to get involved **one day a week for 3 - 6 months**?
- Happy to **learn more about the skills it takes** to get the job you want?

Get Set might be the project for you!

"I had just turned 15 when the Leicestershire County Council Youth Service Outreach Team picked me up on the streets of Coalville to stop me getting into trouble and got me involved with Snibston Museum. 3 years later, I'm now employed by the project and supporting other young people to give back to the community!"

Paige McWilliam, Coalville Young Persons Apprentice, Leicestershire County Council



The Project



"My role supporting young Muslim men to access culture and arts with Leicestershire County Council gave me the foundation I needed to make a career change. I am now using those skills to support young people across the City to access Apprenticeships"

Abdul Bathin, Loughborough Apprenticeship Development Officer, Leicester City Council

The basics

As part of Get Set, you will be supported on a **3-6 month voluntary placement** with Leicestershire County Council and **mentored** by a skilled member of staff. We will take a personalised approach to provide you with **training and guidance** and help you to **build the skills** you need to **compete in the job market**.

The project will work with you to explore your motivations, personal goals and career aspirations and tailor the placements to match your needs.

The ultimate goal is to take steps to support you into suitable employment.

What is Get Set?

Get Set is a new and exciting project which aims to help you **get the skills you need** to **get the job you want!**

According to national statistics, 20% of 18-24 year olds are not in employment¹. Young people are struggling to demonstrate suitable work skills to potential employers and cannot compete in the current job market.

Do you feel like this is you?

The Get Set project wants to help change this in Leicestershire!

Leicestershire County Council is committed to offering local young people the chance to gain real positive work experience alongside professional staff in a range of departments. Get Set aims to help change the future for young people who are willing to take the challenge.

"Volunteering with the technical team at Snibston Museum built my teamwork skills and confidence and now I'm in full-time work"

Tom Bancroft, Coalville Loading Bay Operative, Eurohub



¹ SOURCE: Office for National Statistics (2012), Characteristics of Young Unemployed People



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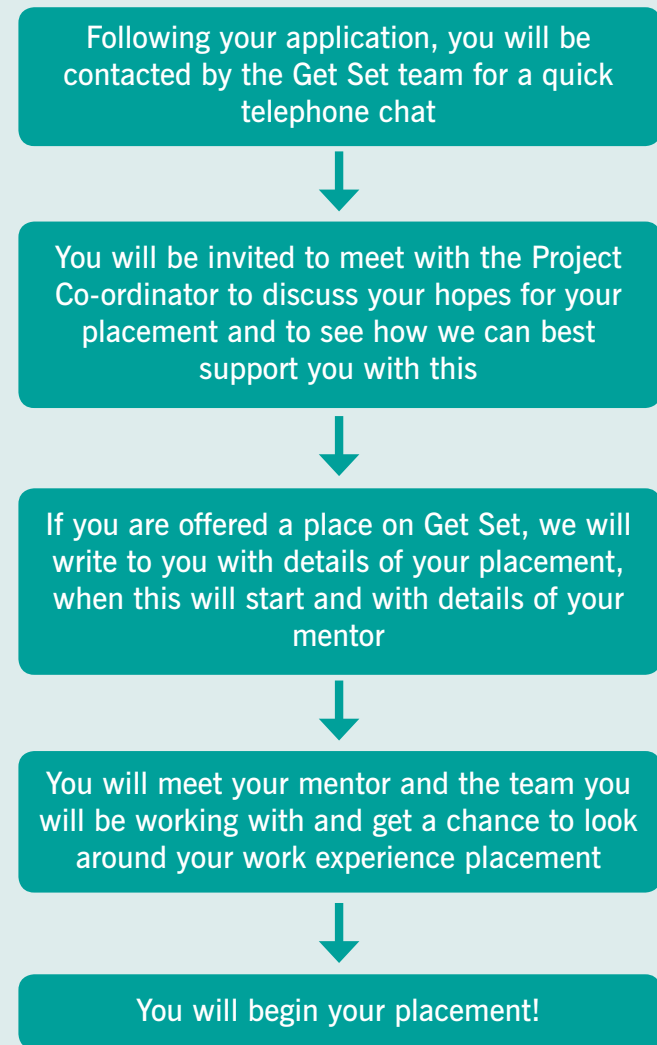
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The Process

How do I become a Get Setter?

Young people can apply direct. Support organisations can refer to Get Set. Call or text **07718 209 413** Email getset@leics.gov.uk Or go to www.getsetleics.co.uk for the relevant applications



"I was interested in the psychology behind criminality but the degree only gave me the theory. I learnt by getting out there and into people's homes, understanding everyone's different needs. That meant more than a certificate in the interview"

Leanne Lowe, Mountsorrel
IMPACT Project Worker and Prevention Worker, Youth Offending Service, Leicestershire County Council



Leanne's Story

Leanne started volunteering when she was 19yrs old with Leicestershire County Council Youth Offending Service (YOS) as a Short-term Interventions Worker. Training and what she described as an 'intensive' induction enabled her to learn the ropes very quickly.

"YOS offered me flexibility at a time when I really needed it. I was studying for a degree in Psychology but needed on the ground experience of working with young offenders to get a job"

After some time volunteering with YOS, Leanne saw an IMPACT Project Worker job for 8 hours per week advertised internally and was successful at interview. She later went on to secure a full-time post as a Prevention Worker.



Aged 16-25?



Can't get the experience to get that job?

Can't get that job to get the experience?

Leicestershire County Council is offering 16-25 year olds unique voluntary work experience placements to help young people gain the skills and experience to better compete in the job market.

Get involved!