



Careers in social & policy sciences

**Criminology, Social Policy, Sociology, Social
Sciences**

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Sectors within social & policy sciences

- Local government
- Civil Service
- Healthcare and social care
- Education
- NGOs and charities
- Criminal justice and law
- Research & policy - within all sectors
- Business - particularly HR, marketing, PR, communications



Typical career pathways

- Social Researcher
- Policy Officer
- Advice worker
- Community Development Worker
- Social Worker
- Local Government worker
- Civil Service Fast Streamer
- Probation Officer
- Prison Officer
- Solicitor
- Teacher
- Youth worker
- Charity Officer
- Human Resources Officer [and more](#)





**Policy Adviser
Defence and Security
Analyst
EU Presidency Liaison
Officer**

**Positive Action for Women
Officer
Fundraising Assistant**

**Learning Support Assistant
Teaching Assistant
Teacher
Trainee Education Worker
Research Analyst**

**Digital Communications
Officer
Human Resources Trainee
Research Analyst
Sales Manager
Business Consultant
Marketing Executive**

Police Officer

**Mental Health Practitioner
Social Worker
Family Practitioner**

Criminology - no data (new in 2019)



Graduate programmes

- Civil Service Fast Stream (and other schemes)
- NGDP - local government scheme
- NHS Management Scheme
- Unlocked - Prison Officer
- Think Ahead social work
- Police Now
- More in our helpsheets... [Careers in Social Policy](#) and [Careers in the charity and non-profit sector](#)





Top Tips

- As a Social & Policy Sciences graduate you can work in many different roles, therefore it is vital that you research your career options and understand what you value in a job.
- There are **graduate roles** in **Civil Service**, Fast Stream is not the only way in.
- **Network**, talk to people in roles you are interested in as there are many different job roles in both private/public sector.
- Advertised jobs are sometimes hard to find so research employers and **approach them directly**.
- **Follow small to medium organisations online** to gain awareness and access to job opportunities.
- If you are interested in the charity sector, social care and/or healthcare, **volunteering** is important.
- **Tailor ALL your applications** to the role. It is a very competitive field and organisations need people with skills that match their competencies.



Career helpsheets

[Careers in SPS](#)

Other helpsheets listed in our [Get Started: Career Options](#) guide

Law, International Development, Politics.....

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Introduction

This helpsheet is mainly aimed at students within the Department of Social and Policy Science, however a relevant degree is not always a prerequisite for the areas of work covered here. Many areas of work listed in this helpsheet do not have big budgets for promotion so you'll need to seek out information and opportunities yourself as there are fewer advertised opportunities.

Careers in the Charity & Not-for-profit Sector

Careers Service



Introduction

You may get the impression that your only career option after leaving university is to work in business or join one of the professions. There are, however, many employers in a range of sectors who are willing to employ graduates although they may not specifically say that it is a graduate they are looking for or advertise in the same place. The Charity or not-for-profit sector is a good example of this. This leaflet is designed to give you some starting points. It should be used in conjunction with our [Finding a graduate job guide which you can access on MyFuture](#).

About the sector

are likely to be UK-based but some organisations can be bi-lateral, multi-lateral and international in the reach of their activities. These latter organisations tend to be referred to as NGOs or non-government organisations. We are not dealing with these specifically in this helpsheet.

You should check another Careers helpsheet: [International development, international organisations and international relations careers instead](#). Essentially they are all organisations which are independent of government and business, non-profit-distributing, self-governing and provide a public benefit (beyond membership).

As well as the Charity Sector there are also Social Enterprise organisations and Community Interest



Questions

- Email us on careers@bath.ac.uk
- Make sure to register on [MyFuture](#)
- Looking for general careers information for final year/postgraduate students? [Check out this video!](#)

