

# Using social media to find jobs, apprenticeships & work experience

Social Media can help you explore jobs and careers! Check these links out

Facebook: <u>www.topresume.com/career-advice/facebook-job-search</u>

Instagram: <a href="http://www.flexjobs.com/blog/post/using-instagram-for-job-searching-v2/">www.flexjobs.com/blog/post/using-instagram-for-job-searching-v2/</a>

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/help/linkedin/answer/157/searching-for-jobs-onlinkedin?lang=en

Snapchat: www.thejobnetwork.com/5-ways-to-use-snapchat-in-your-job-search/

Twitter: https://www.savethestudent.org/student-jobs/how-to-get-a-job-using-twitter.html

## **Our Top Tips**

#### Always be professional

- Write in full sentences and do not use unabbreviated English on public posts. For example: Txt/spk/=/O\_O
- Create a good impression with what you 'like' and post. Watch "what not to do" at: www.myworldofwork.co.uk/getting-job/your-social-media-safe-work

#### Think - employers will check social media profiles!

• Check your profile settings: anyone you are not friends with should only see your name and (appropriate) profile picture

#### **Build networks**

- Don't use social media to indiscriminately contact people and ask for jobs
- Get to know organisations first use social media to research them and engage with them (e.g. like, comment on or share their content)





- If you find an employer you want to contact, phone or email rather than contacting them through social media (the only exception to this is Linked In)
- Always ensure you have an appropriate email address and suitable voicemail message

### Stay safe

- Never share personal information over the internet
- If you are contacted by a stranger or find inappropriate content report it and tell a responsible grown-up
- For more advice on staying safe online, visit:
  - www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobilesafety/stayingsafe-online/
  - https://www.safe4me.co.uk/parents/

For further guidance or to speak to a Careers Adviser, please email:

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