

# Next Steps @ TRGA

Your weekly Careers news!

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**Next Steps @ TRGA** is a weekly newsletter which aims to provide students at TRGA with useful careers information, advice and ideas for the future – stay tuned for more tips and information next week!

## Career of the week

This week, we've mixed things up slightly with a career profile from a real-life International Development Worker!

## International Development

**Patrick Lembo** Management Systems International



### Tell us a little about what you do...

I work as a Programme Assistant for the Component 2 (Women and other marginalised groups empowerment and institution strengthening) of a USAID-funded social cohesion project in the conflict-ridden eastern DRC in Africa. Simply put, I work with those groups in the rural areas of North Kivu and organise activities such as training sessions, focus groups, workshops and forums to build local women's skills and ensure their voices are heard in the peace building process.

### What's the best thing about your job?

Seeing people who normally would not have the chance to bring change to their communities actually do so. Women in the DRC in particular have had it tough in all areas of life, so it's even more meaningful to have them play a key role in processes as important as peace ones, especially in a country that's been ravaged by civil wars.

Plenty! To begin with, we work in a challenging security context. The eastern DRC is well known for being home to a multitude of armed groups that are the main cause of violence. We sometimes have to travel to remote areas that are difficult to access and often lack basic amenities. Progress in creating change can also be slow, which is sometimes frustrating.

### What advice would you give to someone wanting to get into this industry?

Love it before joining it. If you don't, you'll easily become frustrated. If you do, it'll make the stress and pressure easier to handle. And if your goal in life is to make money (there's no shame in wanting to make money), then this is probably not the best field for you.

The other key point is to always keep learning. There are two ways of looking at school; one is to see school as a tool to prepare you to go out in the world and find a specific job, and the other is to see it as a way to prepare you to face any kind of challenges life throws at you.

### What sort of challenges do you face?

A university degree in a field like Sociology, Politics or Geography certainly helps, as well as experience volunteering for community or charitable organisations, but I myself didn't have any of the above before I joined the field, so I'd say that most qualifications if used well could get you started in the field.

However, what I believe to be most important is to have love for the field of work itself before everything else. Some do it just for money, but I personally do it because there's nothing more rewarding than bringing life changing developments to the lives of communities, particularly your own. If you have that love for the field, then all the other skills will follow naturally.

**What skills or qualifications do you need to work in this type of job?**

### I want to know more about...

Got a job or career area you'd like to find out more about that we haven't featured in the newsletter yet?

Let us know by coming and speaking to Mr. Webb in the Careers Room!

### Monday Morning inspiration:

*"You will only be great at the things you love to do. Don't pursue a career in something you hate to do".*

Dave Grohl

### Need some support with your future plans?

*Speak to your Careers Adviser!*



You can find **Mr. Webb** in the Careers Room (203) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at breaks or lunchtimes if you have any questions!

Email: [careers@ruthgorse.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:careers@ruthgorse.leeds.sch.uk)

**For more info on International Development, check out the links below:**

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/politics-and-international-relations>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/international-aid-development-worker>

# Keeping it local!



Stay up-to-date with some of the education, training and work opportunities in the Leeds City Region:



Careers-related news from TRGA and the local area!

## Year 10 – Next Steps Event – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**#LeedsNextSteps**  
Thursday 12 April 2018  
11.00am - 2.00pm  
Kirkgate Market

Are you 15-19? Not sure what your next step is into employment, education or training? Come along to our drop-in event and explore your options

Apply for:

- Sixth Form
- College
- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
- Short/flexible courses and help with Maths and English

Help and advice available on the day  
[www.leeds.gov.uk/results](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/results)

Are you in **Year 10** and interested in finding out more about the range of post-16 options available for you to apply for in Year 11? On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April at Kirkgate Market, a range of sixth forms, colleges, apprenticeship and training providers will be making themselves available from 11:00-14:00 for students aged 15-19 to answer any questions regarding courses, apprenticeships and applications!

The event is open to all students aged 15-19 and is run as a drop-in event, so students can attend any time between 11:00-14:00 without having to book! As well as information about the variety of courses and apprenticeships available from local sixth forms, colleges and employers, there will also be advice and support available on the day from organisations like Leeds Apprenticeship Hub and Leeds Pathways!

If you are interested in attending this event and want to find out more information first, please come and see Mr. Webb in Room 203 any time before the Easter break!



You can also visit some of these websites for more information...

### Courses

There are lots of different qualifications and courses available at schools and colleges around the local area, from A-levels to vocational qualifications like BTECs!



### Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships involve training in an industry while working for an employer – this could be in anything from Animal Care to Law! As well as getting paid for the work they do, apprentices also complete a qualification with a college or training provider and can be a good option for students who don't want to stay in full-time education after 16!

You can also visit some of these websites for more information...



### volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to gain work experience in lots of different environments – you may need to be 16+ or 18+ for some of the opportunities available but because you are giving your time for free, you can do this type of work experience whenever you have the time to commit!

You can also visit some of these websites for more information...



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Getting a part-time job can help you to develop valuable work skills, like Communication, Problem Solving and Motivation and also help you earn money!

