

# 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 – **University Research**

**Karen Wilding**



**University of Liverpool**



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

I work as a Research Governance Manager. I work with Professors and Drs across the University to help them set up and manage clinical research. This can be anything from a trial into a new drug (we do a lot of work on new cancer medicines) to understanding the languages that people diagnosed with schizophrenia hear. As the University has a broad research interest I work with all areas including cancer medicine, psychology, engineering and diabetes.

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

Getting to work with some extremely intelligent people. I work to ensure their science and knowledge becomes reality, whilst I deal with the bureaucratic side of getting research open. I am incredibly proud to work with people who already have, or who are going to make a real difference to people's lives with the research they are carrying out.

### What sort of challenges do you face?

It can take a long time to navigate through the required approvals to carry out research on people. It can often take over 3 years for a research idea to become a reality, from the initial application to getting funding to the research actually opening. This can cause tension and takes some careful discussion to ensure all parties are aware of and satisfied with the progress.

### What skills, qualifications or experience do you need to get into this industry?

This is very much a 'learn on the job' career path. My team has a diverse background; one is a PhD scientist, another a Psychology graduate who previously worked in finance, and one is a Social Policy Graduate. An absolute willingness to learn and adapt to different situations is key.

Also, the ability and willingness to read legislation and guidance documents and interpreting them for all levels of understanding is required.

There is never one answer to a question. My education taught me to build a body of evidence and interrogate it to find the most appropriate answer.

Another skill from my education is learning how to take a complex idea and present it in the simplest manner for different levels of ability and knowledge.

**What did you learn in school/education that has helped in your current 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 only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough".*

*Mae West*

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 similar careers, check out the links below:**

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/government-social-research-officer>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/education-administrator>

# 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 9 and 10 – After-school opportunities with the Hunslet Club from September 2018!

Looking for an opportunity to learn something new outside of school?

From September 2018, *The Hunslet Club* will be running a project for local young people involving training in a variety of vocational subjects, including:

- Plumbing
- Joinery
- Car Mechanics
- Plastering
- Catering
- Hairdressing
- Beauty Therapy
- Bike Mechanics

The courses will run on **Monday evenings** from **4pm-6pm**, are completely **free** and will result in a **BTEC L1 qualification**.

Please see **Mr. Webb** in **Room 203** for more details!



### STEAM School – New Video!

If you missed last week's STEAM School broadcast in form time on Friday, check out the video by following this YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM5AM5i8VDY&feature=youtu.be>

This week's interview was with *Sophie Davis*, Commercial Manager at *Microsoft*! Stay tuned for another video next week in Friday form time!



### 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!

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



### 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...



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!

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