Session 6: Getting ahead of the game

Sessions have been developed to use with young people 14 +

Resources can be completed remotely or in class

This session is part of our #CreateYourFuture and the #CECAheadOfTheGame campaign.
All sessions are flexible and the following document is designed as a guide, it can be used and delivered in a way that suits you and your students.

Sessions centre around Youth Employment UK's free Young Professional online training courses.

Area of Focus

Building a CV and finding opportunities

Learning Outcomes

Students will

- Learn to use the CV builder function of the Young Professional
- Learn to find opportunities through the Young Professional Opportunity Finder

Time Needed

Years 10 & 11 : 1 hour
Years 12 + : 1 hour
Progress can be saved and returned to

Resources Required

All young people will need access to a device (preferably laptop or desktop), access to the internet.

Young people will need to be registered with Youth Employment Uk as a Young Professional

Don't Forget

Share that you are taking part in the campaign. Use social media handles, add photos and any positive responses from young people.
#CreateYourFuture @CareerEnt @YEUK2012

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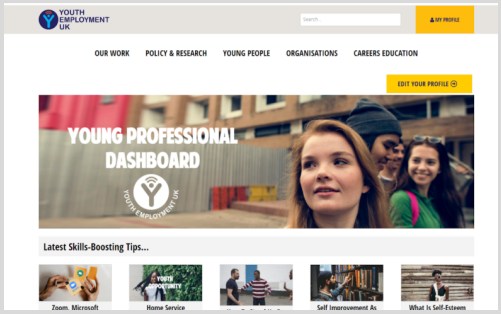
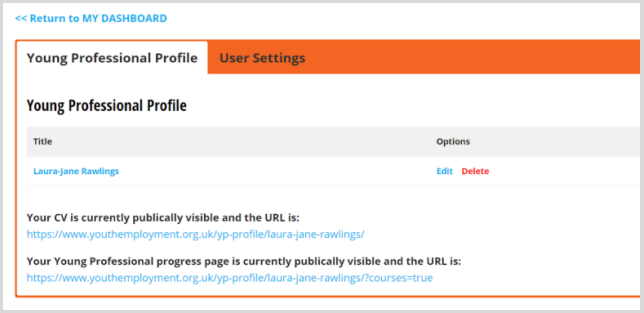
55 Minutes

TIME	Activity/Description
5 Minutes	Introduce the #CreateYourFuture Campaign Campaign. Our school/college has joined up with two national organisations to help young people who are leaving education this summer to feel prepared for their next steps. Over the course of the next couple of weeks we will be completing a range of online activities and following the social media campaign to make sure you've got the information and resources you need to get ahead. The activities that we will cover will not only provide you all with information about the range of pathways open to you, but will also provide you with support and information across a range of personal and professional development areas, including employability and life skills development, the opportunity to complete some virtual work experience and the opportunity to connect with Youth Friendly opportunities. All of this information and support is there to help you create the future you want, the more you put into these activities the more your future self will benefit.
40 Minutes	Students will first begin to work on their Young Professional CV. This CV is something that can be updated and shared with people who the Young Professional chooses. When a student is logged in to their Young Professional Account they will see that they can edit their profile  

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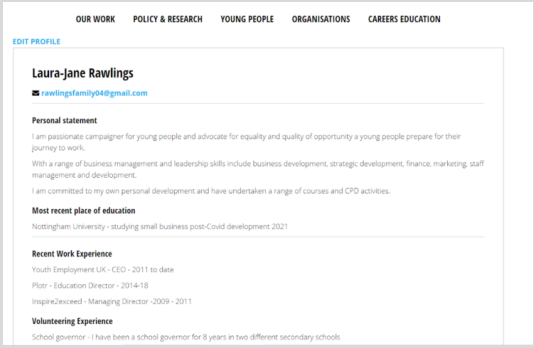
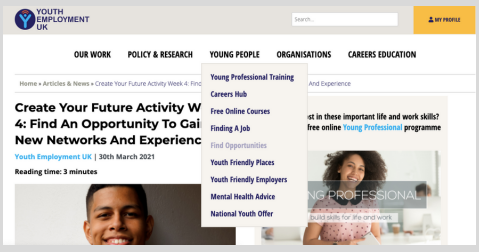
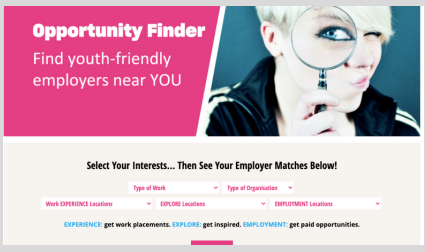
Continued..	Young Professionals should add in as much information as they can to their CV using the form provided. Information that is left blank will not be copied to their CV. It can be added to and edited at any time. Once they are ready the Young Professional can make their CV public (optional) and can copy the shareable link with the people they wish to share it with - teachers, career advisers, employers etc.  You can guide young people to article explaining all of this here.
15 Minutes	Now students are going to explore the Youth Employment UK website and use the Opportunity Finder to find opportunities that they could be interested in (now or in the future). • From the drop down menu under Young People ask students to click on Find Opportunities • Students can read through the Latest Opportunities or search for Local Opportunities. • Task students to use the filters to find different opportunities.  
5 Minutes	Wrap up - Students who have not been able to complete their CV should do so and send it to you to check. Students should be reminded that Youth Employment UK add opportunities to the website on a daily basis and that it is a resource they can come back to time and time again to look for new opportunities, access news, information and get support as they continue on their Young Professional Journey.