

Children and adults working together in the library

This sheet is about talking about things and learning things together

Working with parents, grandparents or carers and finding the answers together is a really good way to learn. This activity will help you consider your future and practise your research skills.

Here are some suggestions about what you could do together at the library:

- Talk about different jobs the adult has done in their life so far
- Talk about what you think you may like to do as a job later on
- Look for some books or information about it or search the internet, and find some details to see if you would like it (for example: working with animals, doctor or nurse, driving, music and the arts, builder, etc.)
- Find out about what learning you would need to do for a job, and how much money you might earn
- You could make a pros and cons list for a job this means putting down all the good things about the job, and also the less good things (for example, vets sometimes have to put their whole arms into cows!)

Continue to look at the jobs people do and if they seem interesting research them more, including looking into qualifications or training needed. If you can, talk to other adults you already know about their work and talk to people about the things you need to do to get a job you will enjoy!

Note to adults: This sheet is intended to give suggestions for activities that should take an hour or longer initially and aims to stimulate ongoing discussion about the future, allowing you to say: "Let's find out together". The library service will have books about key aspects of a wide range of jobs. Children can also look at the internet as well as search the library catalogue and reserve titles for looking at in the future.

There is a real and proven value in children learning together with their significant adults. It can be particularly useful when children discuss their hopes and aspirations for their future, and are encouraged to be ambitious and consider the steps they need to find a job they will enjoy.

