

### Key messages about working

Key messages	What this means for you?
The demand for those with higher level qualifications and skills is increasing. Low skilled jobs are going abroad where labour is cheaper.	Improving your qualifications and skills will give you a better chance of getting and keeping a job. Be prepared to continue learning.
The majority of new jobs created in the next ten years will be part-time.	The willingness to work flexibly might be important.
Self-employment is expected to rise in the next ten years.	Those who will be successful will have the right management, business and financial skills.
Employers rely on employees who are keen to improve their skills. Many companies invest in training their own staff.	When you are looking for work, be enthusiastic about training. Be prepared to keep learning new skills.
Employers need their staff to have the right skills and attitudes.	Personal, learning and thinking skills and functional skills in English, maths and IT are valued by all employers. Give practical examples on application forms and during interviews.
The main recruiters of young people are small and medium sized firms.	When you are looking for work, don't just contact large companies.
The recent 'credit crunch' has not changed long-term trends.	All the points above are still relevant. Be prepared – be successful.

### Try this website

Work Matters – what's happening in your area  
[www.connexionswest.org.uk](http://www.connexionswest.org.uk)

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