

# Knowledge is Power:

## Understanding LMI



Labour Market Information (LMI) is the name for facts and figures about jobs and employment. The information is used to give an overall picture of the past, present and future of work. Most areas have an LMI Report for their region.

### Where does LMI come from and why is it collected?

LMI comes from a range of official surveys and sources. It is used by the government, education providers and businesses to help make future plans.

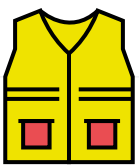
### LMI can help young people understand:

- What a job involves on a day-to-day basis.
- Which jobs are growing or declining.
- What qualifications or skills they might need to do a job.
- How much they might earn.
- How their interests and skills are relevant to particular jobs.
- What jobs are there in their region.

### LMI can help young people:

- Look at careers in different ways.
- Consider different elements of a job.
- Ask the right questions.

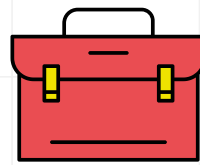
### Useful questions for young people:



Am I interested in working in a particular sector? &/Or a specific job?



What qualifications will I need to work in this sector/job? Where can I get those qualifications?



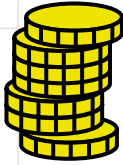
Are there likely to be lots of jobs available in the sector I am interested in when I will be starting to work?



What is most important to me when I am deciding what job I would like to do?

## Studying the data

The LMI report is full of useful facts and statistics, but what should young people be looking at? Here are a few areas to consider:



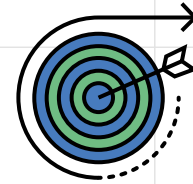
### Average Salary

By comparing the average salaries for jobs, young people will be able to understand if the job has a low, average or high salary.



### Top Industries

Young people might find that there are many more opportunities in an industry than they realised.



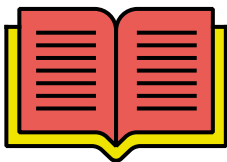
### Future employment

This information is useful if young people are trying to decide on their future career path and want the best chance of securing a job.

## Using LMI in lessons

These are suggested activities.

Students will need access to their regional LMI poster and postcard.



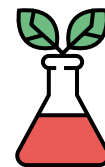
### English

Write about your region. Create a persuasive piece convincing people to visit your area. Use your regional LMI Poster to source all of your facts and statistics. You might want to entitle it, 'New labour information suggests boom in healthcare jobs!'



### Maths

Think about statistics. See if you can turn the information into easily accessible graphs or tables. For example, take a look at the sectors that have the most jobs and see how that information can be represented.



### Science

All about the environment. Take a look at the LMI information and see if you can spot any 'green careers' or skills related to green employment. Take time to carry out a bit of research into the green career, employer or skill.