

CONFIDENT CHOICES



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NEWSLETTER

REVIEW DAY PROVIDES A TEMPLATE FOR DEVELOPMENT

Over 30 people joined us for the Confident Choices Review Day on 18th September. The successes of last year were weighed against the new challenges presented by the impact of Covid-19 and by the desire to reach more schools and colleges with the benefits of careers collaboration.

SUPPORTING SCHOOLS

Schools were clear that priorities for this year were:

- Providing an alternative to work experience and other encounters with business
- Developing classroom friendly labour market information to support student confidence and aspiration
- Supporting school-to-school collaboration, especially when face to face meetings are difficult or impossible

We are responding to that with support for lead schools and with a planned resource library linked to suggested careers sessions.

EXTENDING THE FRAMEWORK

We still want to extend the framework to other settings to support all staff working in careers. Ambitiously, we not only want to see all Lincolnshire's mainstream schools and colleges within a local cluster, but also Special Schools and Alternative Provision being helped. If possible, we will begin to work with primary schools, identifying good practice and sharing that across the sector.

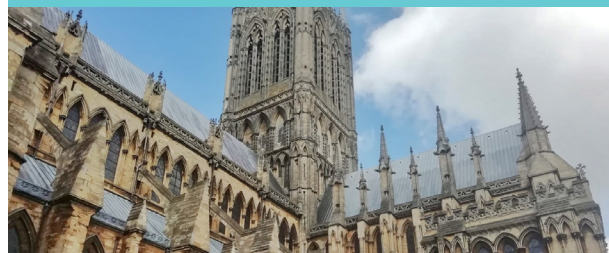
All this is summarised in a Milestones Document which will be available on the new Confident Choices website.

STUDENT RESOURCES

Based on feedback from schools, and as a specific response to the challenges of the pandemic, we are beginning to plan a series of resources that integrate classroom friendly LMI together with insights into employment sectors.

The programme will include support for employability skills with a clear mapping to the CDI framework and the Gatsby Benchmarks. Resources will be based around short, snappy videos and downloadable resources and will have a clear Lincolnshire focus.

There is much to be done before we have something ready, but we will keep you posted.



WELCOME

The Confident Choices framework was established out of a belief that collaborative working would support the delivery of careers in schools and colleges in Lincolnshire. This approach has become both more critical and more challenging over the last few months. This fourth newsletter reflects that in its record of responses to some of the challenges presented by the impact of Covid-19.

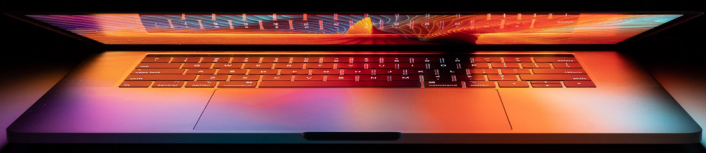
We are grateful for the hard work of many people who have helped develop our vision, framework and resources alongside meeting their own professional challenges in these difficult times. We are also grateful for the responses to our consultations. Keep letting us know what would help you most.

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WELCOME TO CONFIDENT CHOICES

WORKING TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A CAREERS FRAMEWORK FOR THE CHILDREN OF LINCOLNSHIRE

CONFIDENT CHOICES WEBSITE GOES LIVE

We are excited that the Confident Choices Website is now available at www.confidentchoices.co.uk.

The focus has been on providing a really clear communication platform, where school staff can quickly find out information and news about Confident Choices, access our CPD webinars and, in time, collaborate and recommend ideas and resources.



AUTUMN WEBINAR SERIES

DATE AND TIME	TITLE	GATSBY BENCHMARK	HOST
Tuesday 29th September (4PM)	Utilising the LiNCHhigher Learning' Online Platform	7	Ellis Potter (LiNCHhigher)
Tuesday 6th October (4PM)	National Citizens Service: new online offer and existing services	5, 6	Charlotte Drewett (NCS)
Tuesday 13th October (4PM)	ASK - apprenticeship support & knowledge for schools and colleges	1, 7	Tina Patel (ASK)
Tuesday 20th October (4PM)	Royal Air Force Careers and Employability Skills	5,(6),7	Bruce Pettit Terri Moloney
Tuesday 10th November (4PM)	Personal Statements and UCAS, 2020-21	7	BGU or Uni of Lincoln (TBC)/ LiNCHhigher
Tuesday 17th November (4PM)	Encouraging the whole school to support the careers agenda	1, 4	Jenny Longstaffe (Complete Careers)
Tuesday 24th November (4PM)	STEM Ambassadors Network	1, 3, 4, 5	Jo Winterbourne (STEM Ambassadors)
Tuesday 1st December (4PM)	Student Finance for Schools and Advisors	7	Student Finance England
Tuesday 8th December (4PM)	'Show Not Tell' – a new approach to delivering careers education	1	Mark Wilkinson (Complete Careers)
Tuesday 15th December (4PM)	Engaging parents and carers with careers	1, 3	Jenny Longstaffe (Complete Careers)