Politics, International Relations & Human Rights Work

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Getting into the sectors

The politics, international relations and human rights sectors comprise of many different occupations and organisations. It is possible to enter this field from a broad spectrum of degree subjects. Information on a range of job options for those specifically studying for a degree in politics and/or international relations or human rights can be found online at [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk) in the Careers Advice “What can I do with my degree?” section.

Political and international relations & human rights work tend to be multi-disciplinary fields and can overlap with work in many areas including administration, project management, finance, law, trade, social policy, think tanks, security and intelligence, civil liberties, education, disability, healthcare, academia and research, media, communications, public relations, diplomacy, sustainability, conflict prevention and resolution, humanitarian aid, international development, and work with refugees and asylum seekers.

These sectors encompass a wide range of jobs some of which may be suitable for generalists whilst others will require specialist knowledge and/or additional qualifications and training. The relevant skills, personal attributes and previous experience will vary depending on the types of responsibilities attached to the work. These may differ greatly depending on the hiring organisation and the job role. It tends to be a competitive sector to get into and you will need to consider the best ways to gain the experience and skills required. Recruitment practices are different around the globe and some jobs may never be formally advertised, instead being filled through personal contacts or internally to existing staff and volunteers.

Typical employers include a wide range of organisations at international, national and local level including Government, IGOs (Inter-Governmental Organisations), NGOs (Non-Governmental Organisations), Civil Society
Organisations (CSOs) charities, consultancies, universities and research centres/institutes.

**Job profiles and case studies**

These can be useful sources of information often including entry requirements and suggestions for skills development, pre-entry experience as well as case studies. Examples include:

- Prospects website [www.prospects.ac.uk/links/occupations](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/links/occupations) occupational profiles for: Intelligence Analyst/Officer, International Aid/Development Worker, Government Social Research Officer, Politician’s Assistant, Public Affairs Consultant, Social Researcher and Trade Union Research Officer, volunteering coordinators, marketing and campaigns, advocacy and academia.

- Target Jobs [https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/job-descriptions](https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/job-descriptions) job descriptions for Political Party Agent, Political Party Research Officer and Trade Union Research Officer.


- Civil Service Fast Stream website has Fast Streamer profiles. [www.gov.uk/faststream](http://www.gov.uk/faststream)

- The National Careers Service website has profiles for Diplomatic Service Officer, European Union Official and a Member of Parliament (MP). [https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobfamily/Pages/default.aspx](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobfamily/Pages/default.aspx)


- The Law Society – International [https://communities.lawsociety.org.uk/international/](https://communities.lawsociety.org.uk/international/)
Qualifications, training and experience

There is no set route for gaining the experience and/or further qualifications that may be required. Whilst a Masters degree may be helpful for some areas for others professional/vocational training and qualifications may be of greater importance. You will need to research and gain the experience, skills and knowledge needed in the area of work you wish to enter. Volunteering and work experience/internships can not only provide valuable insights but may be helpful for relevant pre-entry experience, professional contacts and paid opportunities.

Qualifications and training

There are a number of UK University postgraduate programmes and research opportunities on offer in a range of subjects/disciplines related to the sector. At the University of Manchester these include:

- The School of Social Sciences [www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/) offers a comprehensive range of postgraduate courses covering subjects such as Politics and Economics, Human Rights, Conflict and Peace Studies, International Relations and Security and International Law.

- The Institute for Development Policy and Management (IDPM) the UK’s largest university-based postgraduate centre specialising in international development: [www.seed.manchester.ac.uk/subjects/idpm/postgraduatetaught](http://www.seed.manchester.ac.uk/subjects/idpm/postgraduatetaught)

- The Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) [www.hcri.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.hcri.manchester.ac.uk/) offers a range of study and research opportunities in the fields of humanitarianism, conflict responses, global health, international disaster management and peacebuilding.

Other study opportunities:

- Information about postgraduate study opportunities overseas [www.prospects.ac.uk/studying_abroad.htm](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/studying_abroad.htm)
- PLOTEUS (Portal on Learning Opportunities throughout the European Space) [http://ec.europa.eu/ploteus/home_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/ploteus/home_en.htm)
- For qualifications and training including languages and IT check out the Careers Service [www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/study/languagecourses/](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/study/languagecourses/) and the National Careers Service websites [https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/courses/whylearn/Pages/default.aspx](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/courses/whylearn/Pages/default.aspx)
- All eligible undergraduate students at The University of Manchester may be able to study overseas as part of their degree programme and the Study Abroad Unit can provide further information [www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/studyabroad/](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/studyabroad/)
- The University Language Centre offers the opportunity to learn a language through the Language Experience for All Programme (LEAP) [www.langcent.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.langcent.manchester.ac.uk)

For those considering academic postgraduate study/research in the UK programme details can be found at: [www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/study/postgraduatestudyandfunding/](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/study/postgraduatestudyandfunding/)

**Other websites include:**
- Find a Masters [www.findamasters.com](http://www.findamasters.com)
- Find a PhD [www.findaphd.com](http://www.findaphd.com)
- Academic posts and details of PhD studentships [www.jobs.ac.uk](http://www.jobs.ac.uk)
- Getting into academia [www.academiccareer.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.academiccareer.manchester.ac.uk/)

**Experience**

**Volunteering:**
- It is not unusual for people to start by undertaking volunteering/work experience/internships. These opportunities may be offered by a number of organisations listed in this guide. Please see individual organisation websites for details.
- For more information on volunteering see the Starting Point guide on Volunteering available as a downloadable PDF
www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/startingpoints or to collect from the Careers Service.

- The volunteering website https://do-it.org/ enables a search for voluntary opportunities under categories such as Politics, Human & Civil Rights and International Aid. There may be opportunities available in North-West England.

- Opportunities exist for first degree students at The University of Manchester to engage in local community volunteering activities www.manchester.ac.uk/volunteers

- The Manchester Leadership Programme (MLP) www.manchester.ac.uk/mlp which is a combination of an academic unit and volunteering provides an insight into some of the key challenges facing 21st century society.

**Other experience:**

An interest in political, current affairs and world news can be gained from various forms of media such as the major television and radio networks such as the BBC World Service, the internet including blogs and the press.

Some professional associations/societies (e.g. British International Studies Association and the Political Studies Association) have membership categories for students/graduates. Membership may confer the opportunity to attend events, participate in working groups, apply for awards/prizes and access specialist information resources.

**Resources for reference**

**Working abroad**

- Work and study overseas www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/international/internationaljobs/

- Working Abroad www.prospects.ac.uk/working_abroad.htm

**Journals**

Back copies available on reference in the Careers Library.
- Fundraising
  www.civilsociety.co.uk/fundraising

Careers Service website
- ‘Which Career’ pages for government, charity, international development work and related areas
  www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/whichcareer/government/

Starting Point series of handouts
Available to collect from the Careers Library or to download as a PDF
www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/startingpoints
- International Development, Humanitarian Aid and Emergency Relief work
- Charities and Not-for-Profit Sector

Job website online subscriptions
- Human Rights Jobs
- Ethical Jobs
  Links and passwords for the Careers Service’s subscription on CareersLink. Login - go to Resources - Subscriptions and open the PDF "Specialist job websites access details".
www.manchester.ac.uk/careerslink/

Other careers websites
- Prospects industry insight for charity and voluntary work
  www.prospects.ac.uk/charities_voluntary_sector.htm

Online resources

Please note: This is not a fully comprehensive list of information resources and websites
The website links are used to provide further information and are not intended to signify that the University endorses such websites and/or their content. We cannot be held responsible for the recruitment practices and the ethos of the organisations listed.
Information Gateways/Resource Centres

- **BBC Democracy Live** – includes coverage of the House of Commons, House of Lords, Scottish Parliament, Welsh and Northern Ireland Assemblies and the European Parliament
  [www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics/parliaments](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics/parliaments)

- **DODS** – political information, publishing and communications business
  [www.dods.co.uk](http://www.dods.co.uk)

- **ICVA (International Council of Voluntary Agencies)** – Global network of human rights, humanitarian and development NGOs
  [www.icvanetwork.org/](http://www.icvanetwork.org/)

- **International Relations & Security Network (ISN)** – open access information server for international relations and security professionals
  [www.isn.ethz.ch](http://www.isn.ethz.ch)

- **Politics.co.uk** – UK political news
  [www.politics.co.uk](http://www.politics.co.uk)

- **Politicshome.com** – political and parliamentary news
  [www.politicshome.com](http://www.politicshome.com)

- **Political Studies Association (PSA) Politics Portal**
  [www.psa.ac.uk/politics](http://www.psa.ac.uk/politics)

- **Prospects** – graduate careers website includes a Jobs Sector profile on Government and Public Administration at
  [www.prospects.ac.uk/links/industries](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/links/industries) and a section on Working Abroad online at [www.prospects.ac.uk/links/workabroad](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/links/workabroad)

- **Richard Kimber’s Political Science Resources including an International Relations section**
  [www.politicsresources.net/](http://www.politicsresources.net/)

- **Social Platform – The Platform of European Social NGOs**
  [www.socialplatform.org](http://www.socialplatform.org)

- **Trades Union Congress** includes a list of member organisations
  [www.tuc.org.uk](http://www.tuc.org.uk)

- **World Newspapers and Magazines**
  [www.world-newspapers.com](http://www.world-newspapers.com)
The World Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (WANGO) – includes a link to the Worldwide NGO Directory  
www.wango.org

Conflict Prevention and Resolution/Peace Building

- Aegis – Preventing crimes against humanity including genocide  
  www.aegistrust.org
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace  
  www.carnegieendowment.org
- Conciliation Resources (CR)  
  www.c-r.org
- Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict  
  www.gppac.net
- Institute for Economics & Peace - including the Global Peace Index (GPi)  
  www.visionofhumanity.org
- Institute for War and Peace Reporting  
  www.iwpr.net
- International Alert (IA) – International NGO working to build sustainable peace in areas affected or threatened by violent conflict  
  www.international-alert.org
- International Crisis Group – NGO working to prevent and resolve conflict  
  www.crisisgroup.org
- International Peace Bureau  
  www.ipb.org
- Network for Peace – Organisation based network with UK and overseas links sections  
  www.networkforpeace.org.uk
- Peace Brigades International – NGO promoting non-violence and protection of Human Rights  
  www.peacebrigades.org
- Saferworld – NGO working to prevent armed violence and create safer communities  
  www.saferworld.co.uk
- War Child International – A network of independent organisations involved in helping children affected by war  
  www.warchild.org
- Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)  
  http://wilpfus.org

**Diplomatic/International Organisations/Foreign Affairs**
- Chatham House (The Royal Institute of International Affairs)  
  www.chathamhouse.org/
- Directory of Embassies and Consulates of the World  
  www.embassyworld.org/
- The European Union External Action (EEAS)  
  http://eeas.europa.eu
- Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) includes information on careers with Britain’s Diplomatic Service  
  www.gov.uk/fco
- Foreign Policy Association – US non-profit organisation covering global issues  
  www.fpa.org
- Foreign Policy Centre – UK independent foreign affairs think tank  
  http://fpc.org.uk

**Finance and related**
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)  
  www.ebrd.com
- European Investment Bank (EIB)  
  www.eib.org
- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)  
  www.fao.org
- OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development)  
  www.oecd.org
- International Finance Corporation (part of the World Bank Group)  
  www.ifc.org
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)  
  www.imf.org
- UN Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC)
  www.un.org/en/ecosoc
- World Bank Group
  www.worldbank.org
- World Economic Forum
  www.weforum.org

**Government**

**UK Government, Parliament and related**

- A – Z of central government departments, executive agencies and non-departmental public bodies
  www.gov.uk/browse/working
- Civil Service
  www.civilservice.gov.uk
- Civil Service Fast Stream
  www.gov.uk/faststream
- The House Magazine – weekly Parliamentary magazine
  www.politicshome.com/publications/the-house-magazine
- Parliamentary & Health Service Ombudsman (Manchester)
  www.ombudsman.org.uk
- UK Government website listing public services
  www.gov.uk
- UK Parliament – House of Commons and House of Lords
  www.parliament.uk

**Devolved Government**

- Northern Ireland Executive
  www.northernireland.gov.uk
- The Scottish Government
  www.gov.scot/
- Welsh Assembly Government
  http://wales.gov.uk
- Isle of Man Government
  www.gov.im
• States of Jersey  
  [www.gov.je](http://www.gov.je)  
• States of Guernsey  

**Local Government**  
• Greater London Authority  
  [www.london.gov.uk/](http://www.london.gov.uk/)  
• Local Authorities including those in the North West  
  [www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council](http://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council)  
• NGDP (National Graduate Development Programme) for Local Government in England & Wales  
  [www.local.gov.uk/national-graduate-development-programme](http://www.local.gov.uk/national-graduate-development-programme)  

**Elections**  
• Association of Electoral Administrators  
  [www.aea-elections.co.uk/](http://www.aea-elections.co.uk/)  
• The Electoral Commission  
  [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)  
• Electoral Reform Society  
• UK Parliament – Elections  

**Humanitarian Aid/Emergency Relief Work**  
For more information about this area of work see the Starting Point series handout “International Development, Humanitarian Aid & Emergency Relief Work” available to collect from the Careers Service or download as a PDF from: [www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/startingpoints](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/startingpoints)  
• Action Aid International  
  [www.actionaid.org](http://www.actionaid.org)  
• CARE International  
  [www.care.org](http://www.care.org)
• Idealist – Site includes links to non-profit and community organisations in over 160 countries
  www.idealist.org
• International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
  www.ifrc.org
• IRC International Rescue Committee – Charity providing relief, rehabilitation and post-conflict reconstruction around the world
  www.rescue.org/
• Reliefweb – A project of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
  http://reliefweb.int
• Rights and Humanity – International not for profit organisation
  www.rightsandhumanity.org
• Thomson Reuters Foundation - A humanitarian news network
  www.trust.org/humanitarian

Civil Liberties and Human Rights
• Amnesty International – Campaigning organisation working to protect human rights worldwide
  www.amnesty.org.uk/
• Article 19 – Human Rights organisation
  www.article19.org
• British Institute of Human Rights (BIHR) – An independent charity based in London
  www.bihr.org.uk/
• Business and Human Rights Resource Centre
  www.business-humanrights.org
• Equality and Human Rights Commission
  www.equalityhumanrights.com
• Equipa Nizkor
  www.derechos.org
• Global Exchange – International Human Rights organisation
  www.globalexchange.org
• Human Rights Internet
  www.hri.ca
- Human Rights Watch  
  [www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org)  
- Human Rights First– International Human Rights organisation based in the USA  
  [www.humanrightsfirst.org](http://www.humanrightsfirst.org)  
- Human Rights without Frontiers International  
  [www.hrwf.net](http://www.hrwf.net)  
- Liberty – UK human rights and civil liberties organisation  

**International Organisations**

- European Union – Index of EU institutions committed to promoting and protecting human rights in and outside of the EU.  
- International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)  
  [www.fidh.org](http://www.fidh.org)  
- Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) – Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights  
  [www.osce.org/odihr](http://www.osce.org/odihr)  
- The Commonwealth Secretariat - Human Rights section (The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 53 countries).  
  [http://thecommonwealth.org/](http://thecommonwealth.org/)  
- United Nations Human Rights  
- United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights  
  [www.ohchr.org](http://www.ohchr.org)

**Social Justice and Death Row**

- AMICUS: assisting lawyers for justice on death row  
- Centre for Economic and Social Rights (CESR) – US based centre, promotes social justice through Human Rights  
  [www.cesr.org](http://www.cesr.org)  
- Reprieve – Delivers justice to save lives from death row to Guantanamo Bay  
  [www.reprieve.org.uk](http://www.reprieve.org.uk)
Prevention of Suffering

- Anti-Slavery International – Charity working to eliminate slavery
  www.antislavery.org
- Association for Prevention of Torture (APT) – NGO based in Geneva
  www.apt.ch
- The Carter Center – USA based centre for Human Rights and alleviation of unnecessary human suffering
  www.cartercenter.org/index.html
- Freedom from Torture - Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture
  www.freedomfromtorture.org/
- REDRESS – Human Rights organisation assists torture survivors seeking reparation
  www.redress.org
- World Organisation Against Torture
  www.omct.org

Law Related

- Advocates for International Development (A4ID)
  www.a4id.org
- The Bar Human Rights Committee
  www.barhumanrights.org.uk
- European Court of Human Rights
  www.echr.coe.int
- Fair Trials International – UK based charity seeking to help the rights of people facing trial in a country other than their own
  www.fairtrials.net
- International Bar Association’s Human Rights Institute
  www.ibanet.org/IBAHRI.aspx
- International Commission of Jurists
  www.icj.org
- JUSTICE – independent legal human rights organisation. The British Section of the International Commission of Jurists
  www.justice.org.uk
- Ministry of Justice - Human Rights
The Law Society in England & Wales – International Development & Human Rights
http://communities.lawsociety.org.uk/human-rights/

Solicitors’ International Human Rights Group – Site includes world news
https://sites.google.com/a/sihr.org/solicitors-international-human-rights-group/Home

UK Human Rights Lawyers Association (HRLA)
www.hrla.org.uk

Minority Rights

Cultural Survival – Organisation promoting the rights of indigenous peoples
www.culturalsurvival.org

European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI)
www.ecmi.de

Forest Peoples Programmes (FPP) – International NGO promotes forest peoples’ rights
www.forestpeoples.org

Minority Rights Group International (MRG) – Organisation working to secure the rights of minorities and indigenous peoples
www.minorityrights.org

Society for Threatened Peoples
www.gfbv.de

Survival – International organisation which supports tribal peoples throughout the world
www.survivalinternational.org/

Refugees/Migration

European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) – an umbrella organisation of 80 refugee assisting agencies
www.ecre.org

IOM (International Organization for Migration) IGO working in the field of migration
www.iom.int
- Refugees International
  [www.refugeesinternational.org](http://www.refugeesinternational.org)
- UNHCR – United Nations Refugee Agency in the UK
  [www.unhcr.org.uk](http://www.unhcr.org.uk)
- Women’s Refugee Commission
  [www.womensrefugeecommission.org](http://www.womensrefugeecommission.org)
- Consonant (formerly Asylum Aid) – Charity assisting refugees in the UK
- European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) – An umbrella organisation of 80 refugee assisting agencies
  [www.ecre.org](http://www.ecre.org)
- IOM (International Organization for Migration) - IGO working in the field of migration
  [www.iom.int](http://www.iom.int)
- Refugee Action – Charity working with refugees to build new lives in the UK
  [www.refugee-action.org.uk](http://www.refugee-action.org.uk)
- Refugee Council – UK organisation working with asylum seekers and refugees
  [www.refugeecouncil.org.uk](http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk)
- Refugees International
  [www.refintl.org](http://www.refintl.org)
- UNHCR – United Nations Refugee Agency in the UK
  [www.unhcr.org.uk](http://www.unhcr.org.uk)
- Women’s Refugee Commission
  [www.womensrefugeecommission.org](http://www.womensrefugeecommission.org)

**Children’s & Women’s Rights**

- Association for Women’s Rights in Development (AWID)
  [www.awid.org](http://www.awid.org)
- Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW) – International NGO
  [www.catwinternational.org](http://www.catwinternational.org)
- Children’s Rights Information Network (CRIN)
  [www.crin.org](http://www.crin.org)
• MADRE – Human Rights organisation for women and families
  http://madre.org

• Womenaid International
  www.womenaid.org

• Womankind Worldwide – UK based charity helping women in developing countries
  www.womankind.org.uk

• Women Working Worldwide – Organisation promoting the rights of women workers
  www.women-ww.org

Other relevant sectors and vacancy sources

Disability
• Disability Awareness in Action – International disability and human rights network
  www.daa.org.uk
• Disability Rights International (DRI)
  www.driadvocacy.org/

Health
• International Federation of Health & Human Rights Organisations (IFHHRO)
  www.ifhhro.org
• Physicians for Human Rights
  http://physiciansforhumanrights.org
• Medecins Sans Frontieres
  www.msf.org.uk/uk-jobs

Education and Training
• Human Rights Education Associates (HREA) – International NGO supporting human rights learning
  www.hrea.org
• International Service for Human Rights
  www.ishr.ch
• Civil Society Jobs
www.civilsociety.co.uk/jobs
- The Voice – UK black newspaper
  www.voice-online.co.uk
- New Internationalist
  http://newint.org
- W4mpjobs – Some human rights organisations or charities may advertise jobs and internships on this website
  www.w4mpjobs.org

Inter-Governmental Organisations
European Union /European Commission
- Careers in the European Union Institutions – information for British citizens on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website
- Council of the European Union
  www.consilium.europa.eu
- European Commission including the Directorate General for Development and European Aid Co-operation Office
  http://ec.europa.eu
- European Commission Civil Service
  http://ec.europa.eu/civil_service
- European Parliament
  www.europarl.europa.eu

Regional
- African Union (AU) – Union of African states
  www.au.int
- ASEAN – Association of Southeast Asian Nations
  www.asean.org/
- Organization of American States (OAS) – organisation of independent states of the American continent
  www.oas.org
- South Centre – Intergovernmental Organisation of Developing Countries
  www.southcentre.org
• The Commonwealth – an association of over 50 independent states  
  www.thecommonwealth.org

United Nations (UN)

• United Nations (UN) Home Page  
  www.un.org
• United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)  
  www.unhcr.org
• United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs  
  (UN OCHA)  
  www.unocha.org
• UN Agencies, including UNDP and UNICEF, have their own websites and this can be found via the main UN site. The individual sites provide details of recruitment including internships. The Junior Professional Officer (JPO) Programme is administered by the JPO Service Centre for a number of UN agencies including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)  
  www.jposc.undp.org/
• United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Programme  
  www.unv.org
• UN YouTube Channel  
  www.youtube.com/user/unitednations

General Information

• “A career in an International Organisation (IO)” is available on the cinfoPoste website as well as information on opportunities.  
  http://www.cinfo.ch/en

International Development

For more information about this area of work see the Starting Point series handout – International Development, Humanitarian Aid & Emergency Relief Work available to collect from the Careers Service or download PDF from www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/startingpoints
Media
For more information about this area of work see the Starting Point series handout – Journalism and Broadcasting including TV and Film available to collect from the Careers Service or download PDF from www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/startingpoints

Reference books include:
- So you want to be a Political Journalist?

A full listing of all titles available through the Careers Library Catalogue at www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/library

Politics and Public Affairs/Lobbying
- Association of Professional Political Consultancies
  www.aalep.eu/association-professional-political-consultants-appc-uk
- American Political Science Association (APSA)
  www.apsanet.org
- British Political Parties
  www.politicsresources.net/area/uk/bpp.htm
- Hansard Society – independent, non-partisan; political research and education charity
  www.hansardsociety.org.uk
- International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS)
  www.iapss.org
- Political Studies Association (PSA)
  www.psa.ac.uk
- The Public Affairs Network – resource for the public affairs, government relations, policy and communications industry
  www.publicaffairsnetworking.com
- w4mp – Work for a MP website includes news, vacancies, details of training courses and the w4mp/Dods Guide to Working for a MP
  www.w4mp.org

A full listing of all titles available through the Careers Library Catalogue at www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/library
Security/Intelligence

- BASIC – British American Security Information Council
  [www.basicint.org](http://www.basicint.org)
- EUISS – European Union Institute for Security Studies
  [www.iss.europa.eu](http://www.iss.europa.eu)
- EUROPOL – European Law Enforcement Organisation
  [www.europol.europa.eu](http://www.europol.europa.eu)
- GCHQ
  [www.gchq-careers.co.uk](http://www.gchq-careers.co.uk)
- IHS Jane’s : Defence & Security Intelligence & Analysis
  [www.ihs.com](http://www.ihs.com)
- IISS – The International Institute for Strategic Studies
  [www.iiss.org](http://www.iiss.org)
- INTERPOL – International police organisation
  [www.interpol.int](http://www.interpol.int)
- NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)
  [www.nato.int](http://www.nato.int)
- Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) – Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
  [www.osce.org/odihr](http://www.osce.org/odihr)
- RUSI – Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies)
  [www.rusi.org](http://www.rusi.org)
- The Security Service (MI5)
  [www.mi5.gov.uk](http://www.mi5.gov.uk)
- The Secret Intelligence Service (SIS)
  [www.sis.gov.uk/](http://www.sis.gov.uk/)
- United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime
  [www.unodc.org/unodc/index.html](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/index.html)

Social Policy/Research

- British Sociological Association
  [www.britsoc.co.uk](http://www.britsoc.co.uk)
- Government Social Research Service (GSR)
  [www.civilservice.gov.uk/networks/gsr](http://www.civilservice.gov.uk/networks/gsr)
- LARIA – Local Authorities Research and Intelligence Association
  [http://laria.org.uk/](http://laria.org.uk/)
- National Centre for Social Research (NatCen)  
  [www.natcen.ac.uk](http://www.natcen.ac.uk)
- Researcher Development Initiative  
  [www.rdi.ac.uk](http://www.rdi.ac.uk)
- The Association for Qualitative Research (AQR)  
  [www.aqr.org.uk](http://www.aqr.org.uk)
- The Social Research Association includes a careers section  
  [www.the-sra.org.uk](http://www.the-sra.org.uk)
- UK Social Policy Association (SPA)  
  [www.social-policy.org.uk](http://www.social-policy.org.uk)

**Think Tanks**

- Alphabetical index on international think tanks on worldpress.org  
  [www.worldpress.org/library/ngo.cfm](http://www.worldpress.org/library/ngo.cfm)
- Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI) Online Security and International Affairs research and education Think Tank Directory  
  [www.fpri.org/research/thinktanks](http://www.fpri.org/research/thinktanks)
- Policy Library – social, economic and foreign policy resources online. Directory of Think Tanks  
  [www.policylibrary.com](http://www.policylibrary.com)
- TTD Europe – Think Tank Directory of key think tanks in the EU  
  [www.eu.thinktankdirectory.org](http://www.eu.thinktankdirectory.org)

**Charities and the Third Sector**

This is a term used to cover the voluntary, community and not-for-profit sectors.

For more information about this area of work see the Starting Point series handout – Charities and the Not-for-Profit Sector, available to collect from the Careers Centre or download as a PDF from [www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/startingpoints](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/startingpoints)

**Trade**

- EFTA – The European Free Trade Association  
  [www.efta.int](http://www.efta.int)
- Ethical Trading Initiative  
  [www.ethicaltrade.org](http://www.ethicaltrade.org)
- Fair Trade Federation (FTF)  
  www.fairtradefederation.org
- Federation of International Trade Associations (FITA) – Global Trade Portal  
  www.fita.org
- World Fair Trade Organisation  
  www.wfto.com
- International Trade Centre  
  www.intracen.org
- World Trade Organisation (WTO)  
  www.wto.org

Sources of jobs

- CareersLink  
  www.manchester.ac.uk/careerslink
- Civil Service Jobs Online  
  www.civilservice.gov.uk/jobs
- Development Aid  
  www.developmentaid.org
- Devex – Development and NGO jobs  
  www.devex.com/jobs
- Devnet Jobs – development jobs portal  
  www.devnetjobs.org
- EurActiv - EU related jobsite including NGOs and international organisations  
  http://jobs.euractiv.com
- Euro Brussels – European Affairs Jobsite  
  www.eurobrussels.com
- European Personnel Selection Office – for EU careers and jobs information  
  http://europa.eu/epso/index_en.htm
- Jobs.ac.uk – academic and research jobs  
  www.jobs.ac.uk
- Jobs Go Public  
  www.jobsgopublic.com  
- Links to World Newspapers and Magazines  
  www.world-newspapers.com  
- Local Government Talent: Jobs  
  www.lgjobs.com  
- Local Government Chronicle Online (including a job section)  
  www.lgcplus.com  
- New Internationalist  
  www.newint.org  
- Opportunities – The Public Sector Recruitment Weekly (online)  
  www.opportunities.co.uk

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