



SERC Jobs and Careers Fairs 2026

Event Guide

The SERC Careers Team are delighted to welcome you to our **2026 Jobs and Careers Fairs** taking place across our main campuses as follows:

- **Tuesday 24 February** – Bangor Campus, Central Hall, 10:30am-12:00pm
- **Wednesday 25 February** – Downpatrick Campus, Sports Hall, 10:30am-12:00pm
- **Tuesday 3 March** – Newtownards Campus, Reception Area, 10:30am-12:00pm
- **Wednesday 4 March** – Lisburn Campus, Sports Hall, 10:30am-12:00pm

These events offer a great chance to connect with employers, discover opportunities across a variety of sectors, and start planning your next steps.

Whether you're planning to continue your studies or move straight into employment, this is the perfect opportunity to discover what roles are out there, how to apply, and what skills or qualifications employers are looking for. You'll also be able to explore different career paths and progression routes. To make the most of the event, we encourage students to do the following:

- Plan your visit. With over 40 organisations attending, identify in advance which stands you would like to visit. Information about each exhibitor is included in this guide.
- Read the suggested questions for exhibitors in this guide, to help you get the most from talking to the exhibitors.
- Keep an open mind – find out about opportunities with the different exhibitors – you might be surprised by what they offer.
- Meet the careers team at our **“Preparing for the Fair & CV Pop-ups”**:
 - Lisburn, at the Love your College Fair – Mon 2 Feb, 10am-1pm
 - Bangor outside canteen- Tue 17 Feb, 10-11am
 - Ards reception – Tue 17 Feb, 9-10am
 - Dpk reception – Wed 18 Feb, 10-11am

We hope you have a great time at the fairs and come away feeling inspired and confident about your next steps.

SERC Careers Team.

Exhibitor Information

Abbeyfield & Wesley	Roles in care and support, house and scheme management, catering, maintenance, and office functions such as HR, finance, and operations — all focused on creating warm, community-centred homes that reduce loneliness and enhance quality of life for older people across NI.	B, D, A
Active Youth NI, Bangor	Roles in youth support and outreach, project and programme delivery, volunteer coordination and leadership, and communications and admin, all focused on empowering young people and creating positive, confidence-building experiences across Northern Ireland	B
Amy Reserves71 Reserves Engr 591 Sqd*	Hands-on roles in combat engineering, heavy plant operation, skilled trades, logistics, communications, and admin, giving people practical experience, new qualifications, and the chance to support military tasks and local communities.	B, A
Accounting Technicians Ireland	Roles such as accounts assistant, bookkeeper, payroll officer, tax assistant, and finance administrator, blending study with real workplace experience to build strong technical skills and a clear pathway into in-demand finance careers	L
Autism Initiatives	Roles in support work, team leadership and management, outreach and behavioural support, community engagement, residential care, education support, administration, and training — all focused on helping autistic people live confidently and independently.	D, A, L
Balloo Hire	Roles in hire desk support, driving and delivery, fitters, mechanics and technicians, warehouse operations, sales, admin, and health and safety, all centred on fast-paced equipment hire and hands-on machinery support.	B, D, A, L
Bidvest Noonan	Roles in cleaning, security, specialist hygiene, maintenance, facilities operations, supervision, management, and admin, all focused on keeping workplaces safe, clean, and running efficiently	B, A, L
BT	Tech, engineering, customer service, and business support roles, including network engineers, field technicians, cybersecurity and IT specialists, customer advisors, sales, project management, HR, and finance	B, D, L
CITB	Pathways into skilled trades, plant operation, surveying, site management, health and safety, and construction technology, offering training, apprenticeships, and recognised qualifications that lead to high-demand, well-paid construction careers.	D, A, L
Clearly Kids	Provide full-time and part-time care for children from 3 months to 4 years.	B, A
Construction Futures	Supporting careers in the construction industry through education, collaboration and information.	B, L
Early Years	Roles in early years practice, family support, project and programme delivery, training and quality, administration, finance, communications, and management, all focused on helping children learn, grow, and thrive from the earliest stage.	D
Hastings	Roles in front of house, reception, chefs and kitchen teams, food and beverage, housekeeping, spa and leisure, events, sales, marketing, finance, and hotel management, all focused on delivering memorable guest experiences.	A
Housing Executive	Roles in housing management, customer service, repairs and maintenance, community support, surveying, planning, asset management, IT, finance, and leadership, all focused on improving homes and communities across Northern Ireland.	A, L

Kainos	Careers in software engineering, data and AI, UX design, cybersecurity, and project delivery, with strong training, clear progression, and the chance to work on impactful digital projects across sectors.	B, D, A, L
Lisburn & Castlereagh Council	Roles across frontline community services, technical and professional teams, and day-to-day city operations, providing diverse public-sector career paths that support local people and services.	L
McDonalds in Downpatrick	Roles in crew, customer care, kitchen, and shift management, with flexible hours suited to students and early career workers.	D
MPA Recruitment	Roles in health and social care, administration, industrial and warehouse work, hospitality, and a range of specialist and professional roles depending on employer needs.	B, D, A, L
Nerve Centre	Creative media hub offering roles in film and animation, digital media and tech, creative education, events and festivals, and technical or administrative support, delivering film, digital arts, music, and education projects across Northern Ireland.	B, D, L
NIE Networks	Roles in engineering, technical operations, customer service, and business support, including engineers, apprentices, technicians, planners, safety specialists, plus opportunities in IT, finance, HR, and project management, all supporting Northern Ireland's electricity network.	B, D, A, L
NISCC Northern Ireland Social Care Council	Roles in registration and compliance, policy and standards, education and training, communications and engagement, and administrative support, all focused on strengthening the social care workforce.	B, D, L
PSNI	Roles such as Police Constables, Detectives, Neighbourhood and Response Officers, plus specialist posts in Cyber Crime, Road Policing, and Public Protection, along with staff roles in call handling, IT, forensics, administration, and HR.	B
Pure Gym Lisburn	Roles as Fitness Coaches, Personal Trainers, Gym Instructors, and Assistant or General Managers, all focused on member support, classes, and smooth club operations.	L
Quinn Piling	Roles such as piling operatives, plant operators, site engineers, project managers, and health & safety or technical support staff, all focused on ground engineering and foundation work on major construction projects.	D
Randox	Roles in laboratory science, R&D, engineering, manufacturing, IT and software, plus customer service, logistics, HR, finance, and other business support areas	B, L
RICS Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors	Professional body that sets global standards across land, property, construction, and infrastructure, ensuring surveyors are skilled, ethical, and trusted, while supporting careers through accredited qualifications, ongoing development, and a worldwide professional network.	B, L
RCN Royal College of Nursing	Roles in professional support, policy and advocacy, member services, education and training, communications, events, and administration.	B, D, A, L
SE HSCT	Careers in nursing, social work, medical and clinical roles, allied health professions, administration, estates and facilities, IT, finance, HR, and wider support services.	B, D, A, L
SEHSCT SW Team	Career opportunities within Social Work.	B, A, L
Seafish	Opportunities across fisheries science, seafood safety, training, research, data analysis, and project or industry support, all aimed at strengthening the region's seafood sector.	B, D, A

Thales	Roles in engineering, manufacturing, cybersecurity, software, project management, and business support, all centred on developing advanced defence, aerospace, and security technologies in Northern Ireland.	B
The Recruitment Company	Flexible temporary and permanent roles across administration, customer service, industrial and warehouse work, hospitality, IT, finance, HR, and engineering.	A, L
Teleperformance	Roles in customer service, tech support, sales, content moderation, team leadership, and operations, mainly focused on supporting clients through phone, chat, and digital service channels.	B, D, A, L
Totalis	Roles such as installation technicians, maintenance operatives, field service engineers, warehouse/logistics staff, and project support, all focused on building, fitting, and maintaining workplace solutions	B, D, A, L
TUI Lisburn	Roles in travel sales, customer service, holiday planning, store management, and support positions that help customers book and manage holidays across TUI's global destinations.	L
Version 1	Roles in software engineering, cloud and digital transformation, data and analytics, cybersecurity, consulting, project management, and support functions, helping organisations modernise their technology and deliver large-scale digital solutions.	B, D, A, L
Walter Watson	Roles in steel fabrication, welding, machine operation, engineering, crane and transport operations, maintenance, and administration, supporting the production of structural steel and reinforcement products across NI.	D

Suggested questions to ask exhibitors:

- What skills or qualities do you value most in new entrants to your organisation?
- Are there entry-level roles or apprenticeships suitable for someone coming straight from college?
- What does career progression typically look like in your company?
- Do you offer training or support for gaining industry qualifications?
- What kind of work experience or part-time roles would help me become a stronger applicant?
- What does a typical day look like for someone starting in one of your junior roles?
- Are there particular subjects or courses that align well with your recruitment needs?
- What makes someone stand out during your application or interview process?
- Do you have opportunities in different locations, or is everything based locally?
- How can I stay updated about upcoming roles or recruitment events with your organisation?

NOTES: Remember to bring a notebook to write down names and contact details or make notes here if you're printing this guide.