

MY EXPLORATION OF CAREERS



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In this lesson you will:

- Start investigating different jobs and the skills needed for them.
- Expand your thinking by being exposed to a range of different jobs and the skills, qualifications and work experience that may be required for these positions.

OUTCOMES



At the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- Identify various job roles in charitable organisations.
- List the skills that are necessary for these jobs.
- Identify a qualification which may be needed for a job role.
- Give examples of why work experience can be useful.

PLEASE NOTE

Please note

students could
benefit from
internet access for
this lesson!



BRIEF FOR STUDENTS



- You and your group have decided to set up and run a new charity together.
- You're going to get five people with the right qualifications, skills and knowledge then launch your charity..
- You have a generous benefactor who is going to provide the money you need in the first few years so you can get the charity up and running and pay yourselves a salary.
- However, after that you'll need to raise the money needed to keep the charity going and pay your salaries.
- There are different job roles involved in running a charity.
- You and your friends have decided that you will each take on a different one.
- Each friend will explore the skills and qualifications which may be needed to work in this role.

TASK 1

Decide what sort of charity
you'd like to set up and
give it a name.



Some ideas in the
following slides....



**The Peter McVerry Trust
caters to the homeless
people in Dublin city**



What roles are
needed in the Peter
McVerry Trust?





The ISPCA are at the forefront of animal welfare in Ireland. They respond to allegations of cruelty, neglect and abuse and also to aid sick and injured animals. In the vast majority of cases, our animal welfare officers find a solution to most problems by working with the owners of the animal(s) involved.



What roles are needed in the ISPCA?



Caring for people with Cancer

What roles are
needed in the Irish
Cancer Society?





Down Syndrome Ireland offers support and services to people with Down syndrome and their families throughout Ireland



What roles are needed in Down Syndrome Ireland?

SAMARITANS

Samaritans offer an emotional support service, notably with its round the clock, seven-days-a week coverage.



What roles are
needed in the
Samaritans?





Society of St Vincent de Paul



What roles are
needed in the Society
of St.Vincent de Paul?



TASK 2

- Below is a list of job roles commonly found in charities.
- Decide what different job roles you will need to run your charity.
- Depending on what your charity is, there will probably be some job roles you need that aren't covered in the list below.
- For example, if your charity treats sick animals whose owners can't afford to pay, you will need a vet. If your charity develops new renewable energy technologies, you will need an engineer.



JOB ROLES

You're free to choose what job roles you would like in your charity, but the following roles might be useful to have.

Manager

**Social
Worker**

**Communications
Worker**

**Human
Resource**

Accountant

Administration

**Community
Worker**

**Events
Manager**

Psychologist

Vet

Marketing

**Computer/
IT Support
Specialist**

**Researcher
i.e scientist**

Advertising

**Policy
Officer**

Teacher

TASK 3



For each job role discuss:

- What skills (3) might be needed for this role?
- What qualifications (if any) might you need for this role?
- What work experience might be useful for this role?

SHARE

Share your decisions and findings with the rest of the class, and let them know if any of the careers you've discussed interest you personally.



EXPLORING CAREERS - HELPFUL TIPS

Job roles you might need for your charity – hints



- **Fundraiser** – to raise the money you need to run the charity and pay your wages and other costs
- **Accountant** – to look after the money once you have it
- **IT roles** – for example IT support analyst (to keep your technology up and running) or web developer (to write the code behind your website)
- **Marketing manager** – to promote your charity

CONSOLIDATION OF LEARNING

Can you...

- Identify various job roles in charitable organisations.
- List the skills that are necessary for this job.
- Identify a qualification which may be needed for a job role.
- Give examples of why work experience can be useful.