Career Guidance: The Basics

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Let's begin with how lucky 6th Years are.

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following.

There would be:

- 60 Asians, 11 Europeans
- 15 would be undernourished, 21 would be overweight
- 52 would be female, 48 would be male
- 70 would be non-white, 30 would be white
- 12 would speak Chinese, 5 would speak English
- 89 would be heterosexual, 11 would be homosexual
- 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's, wealth
- and all 6 would be from the United States.
- 80 would live in substandard housing, 17 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- 1 would be near death; 1 would be near birth
- 7 would have a college education, 22 would own or share a computer

What occupation /job/ career do you see yourself doing for the rest of your life?





How do we make our decisions?



3 Step Process

1. Self Assessment

2. Analyse Available Information

3. Make Your Career Choice and Develop an Action Plan

Making a Career Choice



Basic Questions

What are your skills?

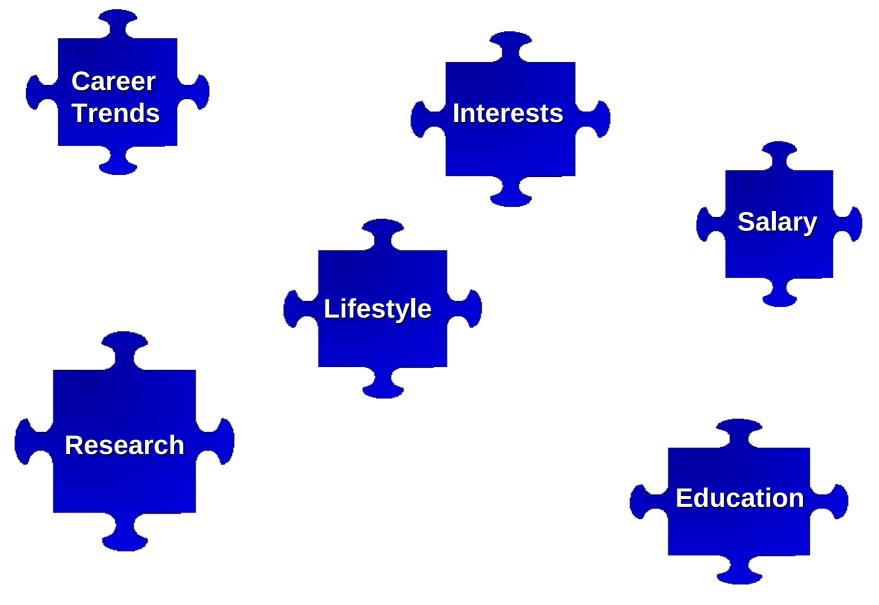




How will you prepare for this career?



What's involved in choosing a career?



Education

 What education / training / experience is required for your chosen career?



Interests

- 5th year is a perfect time to explore your interests seriously and to begin investigating your career choices.
- Complete an Interest Assessment Test such as (www.123test.com)



Salary

 Explore the salary information. Lots of information on www.careersportal.ie and www.monster.ie





Career Trends

 Can you locate information on career trends and options.



Explore

 Ask adults questions about their jobs. They'll be happy you asked.

Have them tell you what they enjoy most about their jobs...and what they enjoy least! Ask them what skills and education someone must possess to be successful in that occupation.

Lifestyle

What would you think about a career that required a great deal of travel or many years of study? Is the amount of money you make important to you? How would you feel about a job that required you to move on a regular basis? What hours of the day or night will you be working? Which aspects of your future lifestyle are most important to you?

