

Tried everything but still not sorted?

Don't be too discouraged if you can't get on to an apprenticeship straight away. There are lots of people looking for jobs at the moment. Take these next steps ...

1 Widen your search. Look for other types of jobs in the general work area you want. Some jobs might not initially be what you are looking for, but they get you **a foot in the door** of a company. For example, starting as an apprentice sales assistant for a large retailer could lead to a job in the merchandising or buying team later.



2 Get out there and show what you can do. Doing volunteering or unpaid work experience would give you valuable opportunities and something to put on your CV. You might even **impress someone**

who could employ you. See what's on offer at: www.connexions-leics.org/volunteering

3 Improve your skills and qualifications while you're looking for an apprenticeship. Talk to an adviser about courses that will help you to develop useful skills for a future career.

"Finding an employer is hard. Why not get a foot in the door by getting some voluntary work experience in the job area you want?"

Stuart Connexions adviser



Access to Apprenticeships is a new way to gain skills and experience on a voluntary basis before moving in to a full apprenticeship. Ask a Connexions adviser for details about current opportunities.