



Building and Construction

Surveyors report 'recovery signs'

Surveyors report "tentative signs" of a recovery despite small numbers of homes being sold, a survey shows. [Read more](#)

Signs of stability in the property market

The UK's biggest house builder said there were signs of stability in the property market after seeing improved visitor numbers and reservation rates. [Read more](#)



Design, Arts & Crafts

Design agency creates jobs

A design agency is expecting to smash the £1m turnover mark and create jobs thanks to contracts worth hundreds of thousands of pounds. [Read more](#)



Engineering

Engineering firm axes 60 jobs

More than 60 jobs have been axed after falling orders caused an engineering firm to go into administration. [Read more](#)

Triumph sales remain strong despite industry slump

Sales of Triumph Motorcycles have remained strong during the recession, despite a sharp drop in demand across the industry, experts have said. [Read more](#)



Health Care

Nurse recruitment crisis warning

The NHS is facing a nursing recruitment crisis unless it does more to attract school leavers into the profession, union leaders say. [Read more](#)



Retail, Sales and Customer Services

Highcross Leicester to create 250 jobs

Leicester's Highcross shopping centre says it is set to create 250 jobs with the opening of several new stores. [Read more](#)

Office equipment supplier CSL invests £750,000 in expansion

A Leicester firm which supplies office equipment is expanding by opening a new £750,000 site. [Read more](#)



Social Work and Counselling Services

Leicester care-home firm creates jobs in multi-million expansion

One of the biggest care-home operators in the country is creating 40 jobs as part of multi-million pound expansion plans. [Read more](#)



Transport and logistics

East Midlands hauliers on the road to recovery

Haulage firms have reported an upturn in business after trade plunged on the back of the global recession. [Read more](#)

Skills

Only 2% of apprentices are new staff

Only 30 of the 1,395 apprentices on a public sector training scheme in England were new employees, figures show. [Read more](#)

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Involuntary part-timers 'rising'

The number of people working part-time because they cannot find a full-time job is the highest in 15 years, the TUC says. [Read more](#)

Leicestershire firms dismiss talk of recovery

Leicestershire's economy is showing no signs of recovery, according to a straw poll of businesses. [Read more](#)

Degrees maintain job market value

The significant increase in students going to university in the past two decades has not damaged graduates' earning power, suggests research. [Read more](#)

70% of firms plan to axe jobs

Nearly two-thirds of British firms have cut jobs in the past year and a further 70% plan to do so, according to Hinckley research firm Croner. [Read more](#)

Girls 'hampered by failure fears'

Many girls have a profound fear of failure which could be hampering their chances of success in education and work. [Read more](#)

CBI Education and Skills Survey 2009.

The education and skills survey 2009 provides authoritative information on employers' views of education and skills issues. The survey covers the full range of issues, including: employer and employee commitment to training, basic skills, science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM), and business links with school and universities.

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Navigating the Labour Market and the Role of Careers Guidance

This Bulletin presents interim findings from a five year longitudinal qualitative study researching the nature of effective guidance, undertaken by the Warwick Institute for Employment Research (IER). The evidence presented is from year four of the study and follows on from previous Bulletins (Nos. 78, 84 and 87). Some findings from the analysis of data from the follow-up interviews with participants, three years on from their case study guidance interview, are presented. [Read more \(pdf\)](#)

Young face 'tough job prospects'

Nearly half of all firms will not be looking to hire graduates or school-leavers in the months ahead, a survey suggests. [Read more](#)

The Geography of Unemployment

A recent paper from the Work Foundation identifies the areas suffering most from rising unemployment during the recession. Using local authority claimant count information, it finds that the areas that have experienced the biggest jumps in the numbers claiming benefits are the 'core cities' of the North, the West Midlands and Scotland. This conclusion is contrasted with previous predictions that the most vulnerable areas during this recession would be London and small cities in the East and South East. The paper also observes that the areas associated with traditional manufacturing and heavy industry that have suffered the most in past downturns are again experiencing the worst impact of the economic difficulties. [Read more \(pdf\)](#)

Government Approves New £5.80 Minimum Wage Rate

The government has announced new National Minimum Wage rates to take effect in October. [Read more](#)

Social enterprises called on to create jobs for young people

Social enterprises have been asked to help create 15,000 new jobs for young people as part of the government's £1bn Future Jobs Fund. [Read more](#)