



Career Opportunities with a Degree in English

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Choosing a career involves more than just finding out what is open to you. Knowledge about yourself is vital to the process of making a career choice. It is useful to start by examining your strengths, weaknesses, interests, abilities and skills in order to relate career options to you. The Careers Service has resources to help students in their self-assessment and career planning, including psychometric tests and paper and online resources on www.spd.dcu.ie/careers

Your skills and qualities in the employment market

Students taking English learn to: write effectively and expressively; to think critically and logically, to weigh values, read text and choose essential points and to evaluate sources; to communicate – orally and written, propose ideas; to have self-confidence in your own opinions and think independently. Other skills and qualities you may have developed include: editing skills, research skills, creative writing, flexibility, imagination and initiative. Employers look for people with skills such as communication in speech and writing, flexibility, leadership, imagination, initiative, organisation, listening skills, willingness to accept responsibility and goal achievement. Many of these traits are acquired and developed by English graduates.

Up to 40% of graduate employment opportunities are open to graduates of any discipline. In most cases, however, many of the positions listed below would require additional qualifications.

What previous graduates have done

Lecturer in Communications DIT
Tutors English Department SPD
Journalist, Irish Independent,
Access programmes for Girls Zambia
Teaching

Possible Career options

Publishing	Journalism	Entertainment
Film production	Arts Administration	Academic
Copywriter	Librarian	Writer
Scriptwriter	Teacher	Researcher
Editor	Public Relations	TEFL

Further Study opportunities

website:

<http://www.postgradireland.com/>

contains useful information on postgraduate courses in Ireland

<http://www.prospects.ac.uk/> is an excellent site for researching opportunities in the UK

<http://europa.eu.int/ploteus> covers the EU.

Sample Jobs

Some jobs advertised recently that may suit students / graduates (these jobs are not currently available and are shown here for illustration purposes only).

Volunteer Journalist There is an opportunity for a volunteer journalist writer to work with award winning social and environmental entrepreneur and radio host, Bernice Maria Paolozzi (www.bernicepaolozzi.com).

Publishing Executive / Journalist, Fintel Publications Ltd, Dublin. Editorial content both for publications and conferences. Should have demonstrable news and editing skills, coupled with an analytical and professional approach. Ref. CM0405.

Postgraduate Course Pursued by BA English
Graduates 1996-2008

Useful websites

BA English grads	Total
H.Dip.Ed	84
Postgrad. Primary Irl	43
PGCE primary UK	67
PGCE Post-primary UK	4
PGCE Primary Hibernia	3
Grad. Dip. Adult Ed.	2
MA/Dip. Business Studies	8
MA History	18
MA Eng/Theatre Studies	21
MA/Dip. Media/Journalism	8
MA Film Studies	1
MA/Dip. Religious Studies	8
Dip. Psychology/Psychoanalysis	12
MA Nua Gaeilge	3
Grad. Dip. IT	9
MA/Dip. Library Studies	2
Dip.Careers Guid.	2
MA/Dip. Marketing/PR	2
Dip. Arts. Admin/Cultural Tourism	3
MA Racial & Ethnic studies	2
MA Globalisation	1
Grad. Dip. Montessori	1
Dip. GIS & Remote sensing/Geo	2
Ma Research	3
MA H.Dev	3
Grad. Dip. Irish Folklore	1
M/Phil History of Irish Art	1
MA American Studies	1
MA HR	1
Grad. Dip. Legal Studies	1
M.Sc. Environmental Science	2
Grad. Dip. Youth and Community Work	1
MA Equality Studies	3
MA TEFL	1
Grad Dip. Musical Theatre/Technology	2
MA Other	5

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- **Creative Writing**
- www.irishwriterscentre.ie
- <http://www.ireland-writers.com/>
- (Irish Writers Union)
- <http://www.whystudyenglish.ac.uk/>
- <http://www.script.ie/>
- Irish Playwrights and Screen writers Guild
- **Publishing**
- <http://www.ppa.co.uk/>
- (periodicals publishers UK)
- <http://www.freelancers.com/>
- <http://www.publishingireland.com/>
- <http://www.ppa.co.uk/jobs-careers-and-training/working-in-magazine-publishing/>
- <http://www.dipnet.org.uk/Careers-In-Publishing>
- http://www.prospects.ac.uk/p/types_of_job/publishing_and_journalism.jsp
- <http://www.euralex.org/>
- (European Association for Lexicography)
- **Journalism**
- <http://www.nuj.org.uk/innerPagenuj.htm?docid=405>
- (National Union of Journalists)
- <http://www.ijnnet.org/>
- (International Journalists Network)
- http://www.skillset.org/tv/jobs/journalism_sport/
- (Sports Journalism)
- **Broadcast Journalism**
- (Broadcast Journalism Training Council)
- <http://www.bjtc.org.uk/>
- http://www.ebu.ch/en/ebu_members/activities/index.php
- **Theatre**
- www.artscouncil.ie/en/arts_in_ireland.aspx
- <http://www.culturenorthernireland.org/>
- <http://www.theatresonline.com/index.html>
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