

Worksheet

LMI Sources



This activity is designed to help you research into sources of LMI, and assess their reliability and credibility. The following outlines some of the most widely used LMI sources for careers work. Choose one of the websites listed from one category to assess its reliability and credibility, using the form on page two.

Careers Information

On these sites you can find out about careers, including work hours, salary, day to day roles and responsibilities, routes into the career, case studies and links to other reliable online sources.

Sites include: Morrisby.com (log in and visit **My Choices**), nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers (for England), careerswales.gov.wales (for Wales), myworldofwork.co.uk (for Scotland), nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/careers (for NI), prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles, targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/job-descriptions

Job Aggregators

Job aggregators pull vacancies from multiple sites into one place. Find out how many jobs are available locally, by entering your town, or nationally, the job roles and responsibilities, the skills, experience and qualifications the employer wants, and the employer name and suggested salary range.

Sites include: uk.indeed.com, monster.co.uk, reed.co.uk, linkedin.com/jobs, glassdoor.co.uk

Professional Bodies

These are organisations which work on behalf of a particular profession. They lobby on behalf of their members to get good pay and conditions and provide training and professional development opportunities. Some have careers information on their websites for people considering the profession.

Sites include: cipd.co.uk/careers/career-options, rics.org/uk/surveying-profession/, lawsociety.org.uk/en, cieem.net/i-want-to-be/, rcr.ac.uk/discover-and-explore, aerosociety.com/careers-education/

Name:

Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs)

LEPs engage with businesses in your area and provide guidance on local economic priorities. They produce information about career opportunities, growth areas and falling industries in your locality.

Find your LEP: lepnetwork.net/about-leps/location-map/

Wider LMI Data Sources

Statistical agencies also offer LMI. This information often comes from governmental sources and/or live vacancy data.

Sites include: nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/contents.aspx (enter your postcode), ons.gov.uk/, hesa.ac.uk/

Exercise 1

Choose one website from one of the LMI categories above and decide how reliable you think the source is.

Site URL:

Who has written the information?

When was the information updated/written?

How relevant is the source to your research?

Why was the information written? Is there an agenda?

Given your research, indicate on the scale how reliable you think the source is

Very unreliable



Very reliable

