What can I do when I leave school?

Here is advice from

some of our careers advisers.

As you get older, you need to start thinking about what you want to do when you leave school. What's right for your friends might not be what's right for you. But there are lots of people who can help you with these decisions. Your friends, your family, your careers adviser as well

So, let's have a look at some of your options.

Work

First of all, you need to have a think about the sort of work that you'd be interested in. And also, if you'd be ready to do this when you finish school.

When you do go into work, a lot of people work for other people. You might be interested in being self-employed. If you do think you are ready to go into work straight from school, it would be useful for you to go to the work section and have a look at some of our videos and leaflets.

College

Many young people go to college

to learn new skills and meet new people. You can also try out different types of work. Gain more qualifications and become more independent. If you'd like to find out more about going to college, have a look at what some of the young people have got to say and watch our college video.

Training

Training is a great way of gaining some qualifications as well as work experience. You carry on with your basic skills math, English and I.T. and it's a good way of meeting new people and gaining more independence.

Volunteering

You don't get paid for volunteering, but it can help you to gain more work experience as well as meeting new people and gaining new skills. If you'd like to find out more about volunteering, have a look at our video.

Day-time plan

If you have a social worker, you can work with them to help you plan some activities that you can do throughout the week.

And remember, you don't have to make this decision on your own. Your careers adviser can help

you find out more and figure out which option is best for you.

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