

Your Area: Knowledge is Power

Calderdale

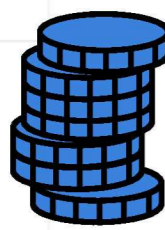


Introduction to careers in Calderdale. Did you know?

In Calderdale:

£30,491

The average salary is £30,491



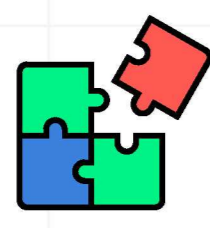
97,600

We have 97,600 people in employment



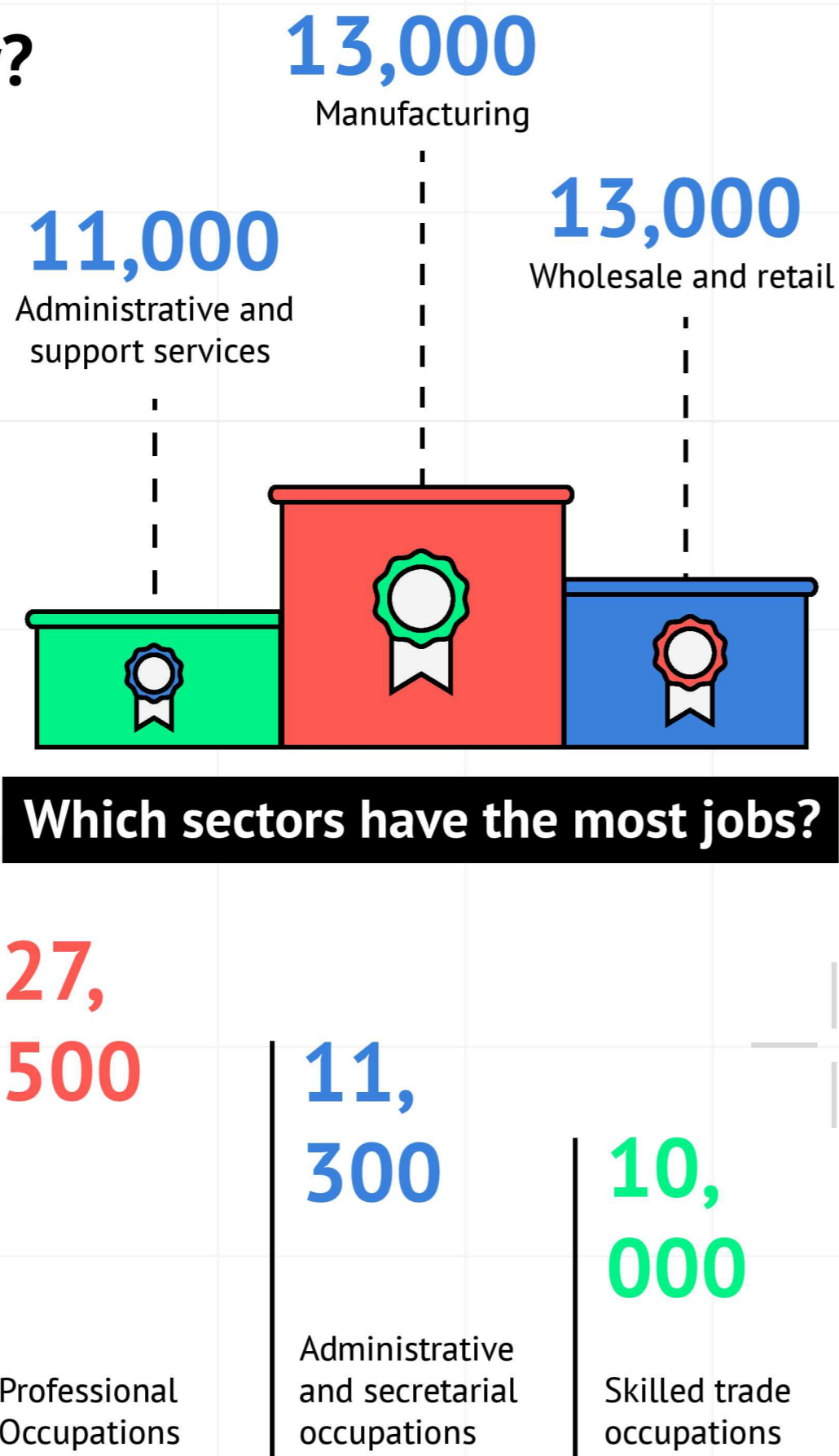
5,000

There are over 5,000 skill gaps



103,000

There are 103,000 jobs



Sector Spotlight The Creative Industries

Did you know? With Calderdale taking a starring role, the creative sector employs 48,000 people and brings in nearly £2 billion to West Yorkshire. Creativity flows through our veins, ensuring Calderdale is known worldwide.

What do they do? The landscapes and buildings of Calderdale attract national and international film and TV, providing jobs such as costumery, digital effects, set-design and even fire-breathers. As a cultural destination, there are employment opportunities in music, theatre, digital marketing, and arts & crafts, to name but a few.

Who are they? There are many small businesses and self-employed creatives. Some of the bigger employers are CanCan who produce content for TV, the Victoria Theatre, and the Piece Hall which hosts art exhibitions, music acts, and arts & crafts stores. You could even join the Circus with Halifax-based 'Circus Sensible'!

How do I join them? Volunteering at one of the many creative festivals is a good place to start. If you want a vocational route, then Calderdale College provides level 3 to 5 courses covering Art, Design, Media, Music, and Performing Arts, as well as Creative Digital. Apprenticeships are another possibility, such as 'Content Creator' at Intelligency (Halifax). There are also degrees at Leeds Arts University, Leeds College of Music, and the University of Huddersfield's Department of Fashion and Textiles.

Get skills-ready What are the top baseline skills requested by employers?

You probably already have some of these skills – maybe without even realising!

<p>Communication</p> <p>Have you ever presented your ideas in a lesson? Have you worked with others to succeed in a task?</p>	<p>Problem-solving</p> <p>Have you ever stayed calm to find a solution to a problem? Have you planned a winning strategy for your sports club or fixed a computer bug?</p>
<p>Creativity</p> <p>Do you play an instrument? Draw? Write? Dance?</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>Have you planned out your revision to get everything done on time? Have you planned a trip or organised meals for the week?</p>
<p>Social intelligence:</p> <p>Have you ever had to deal with a difficult social situation or mend a fallout? Do you listen well to others?</p>	

What are the top specialised skills in greatest demand?

You might have started developing some of these skills. How can you work on them?

- Teamwork/collaboration:** Join a team or club that interests you. Work on a shared project.
- Customer service:** Volunteer at a local charity shop. Get a part-time job.
- Project management:** Take the lead in your next group project.
- Sales:** Work on your persuasive writing. Join a campaign to make a change.
- Teaching:** Tutor a friend or younger sibling. Explain your revision to your parents.

Landing a top occupation

Professional occupation example:

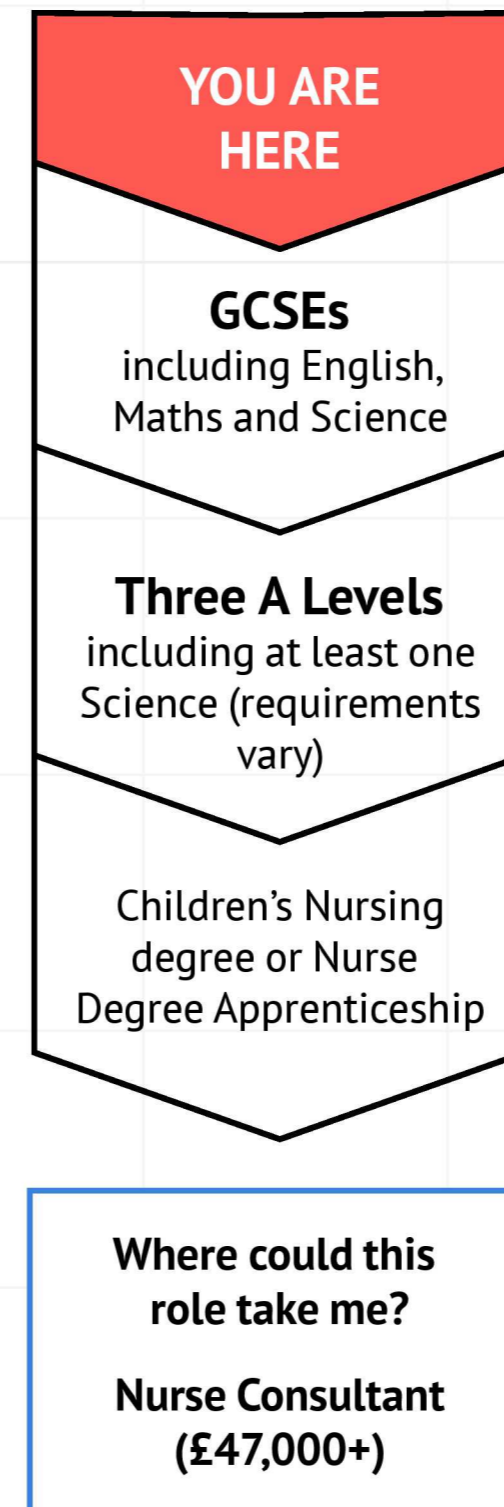
Children's Nurse

Starting salary: £25,655

What does this job look like?

Providing children and families with healthcare support in a hospital, the home, or the community.

How do I achieve it?



Skilled trade example:

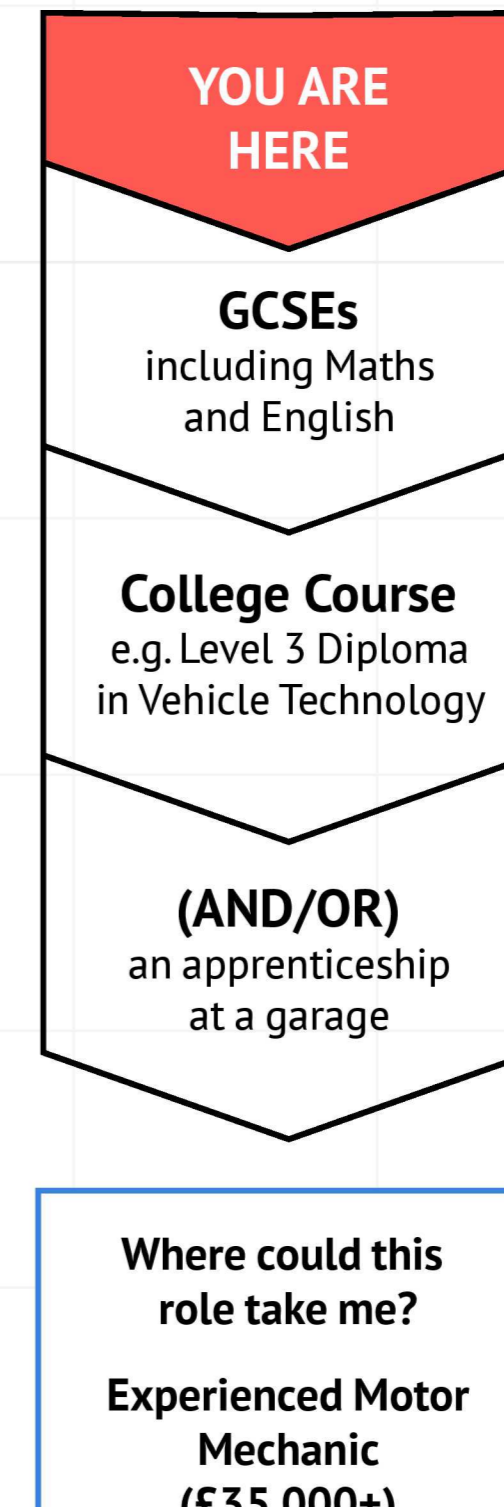
Motor Mechanic

Starting salary: £18,000

What does this job look like?

Servicing and repairing vehicles.

How do I achieve it?



Administrative and secretarial example:

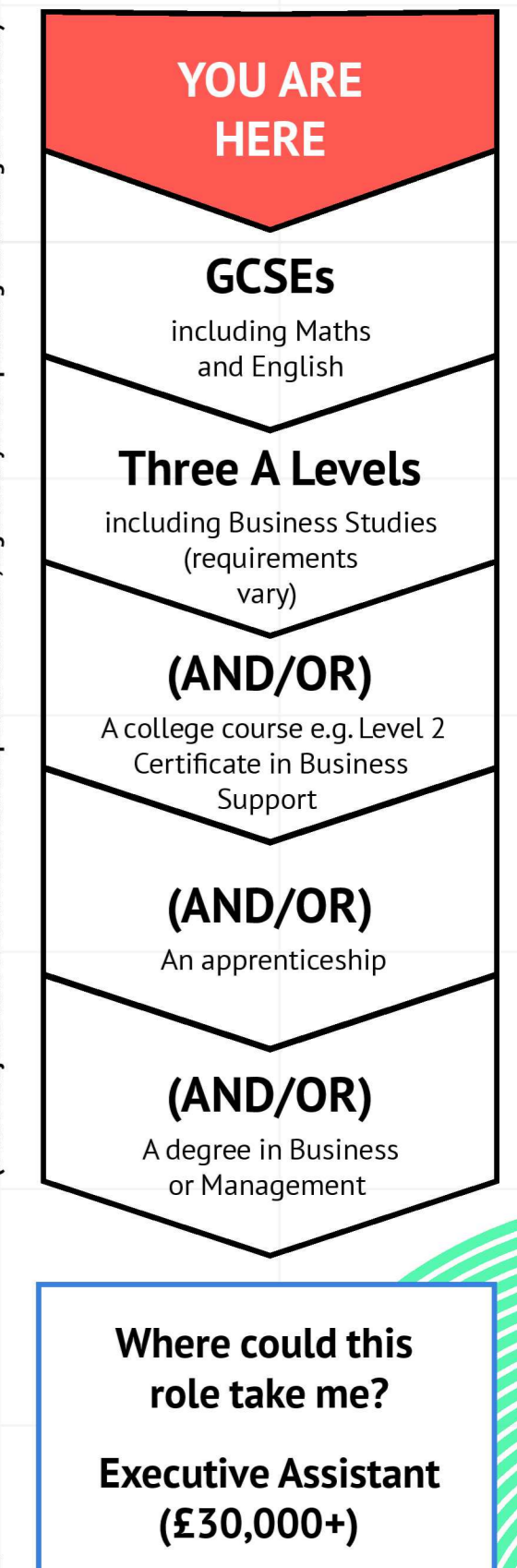
Personal Assistant

Starting salary: £17,000 - £25,000

What does this job look like?

Working closely with a senior colleague to provide day-to-day administrative support (e.g. booking meetings and making travel arrangements).

How do I achieve it?



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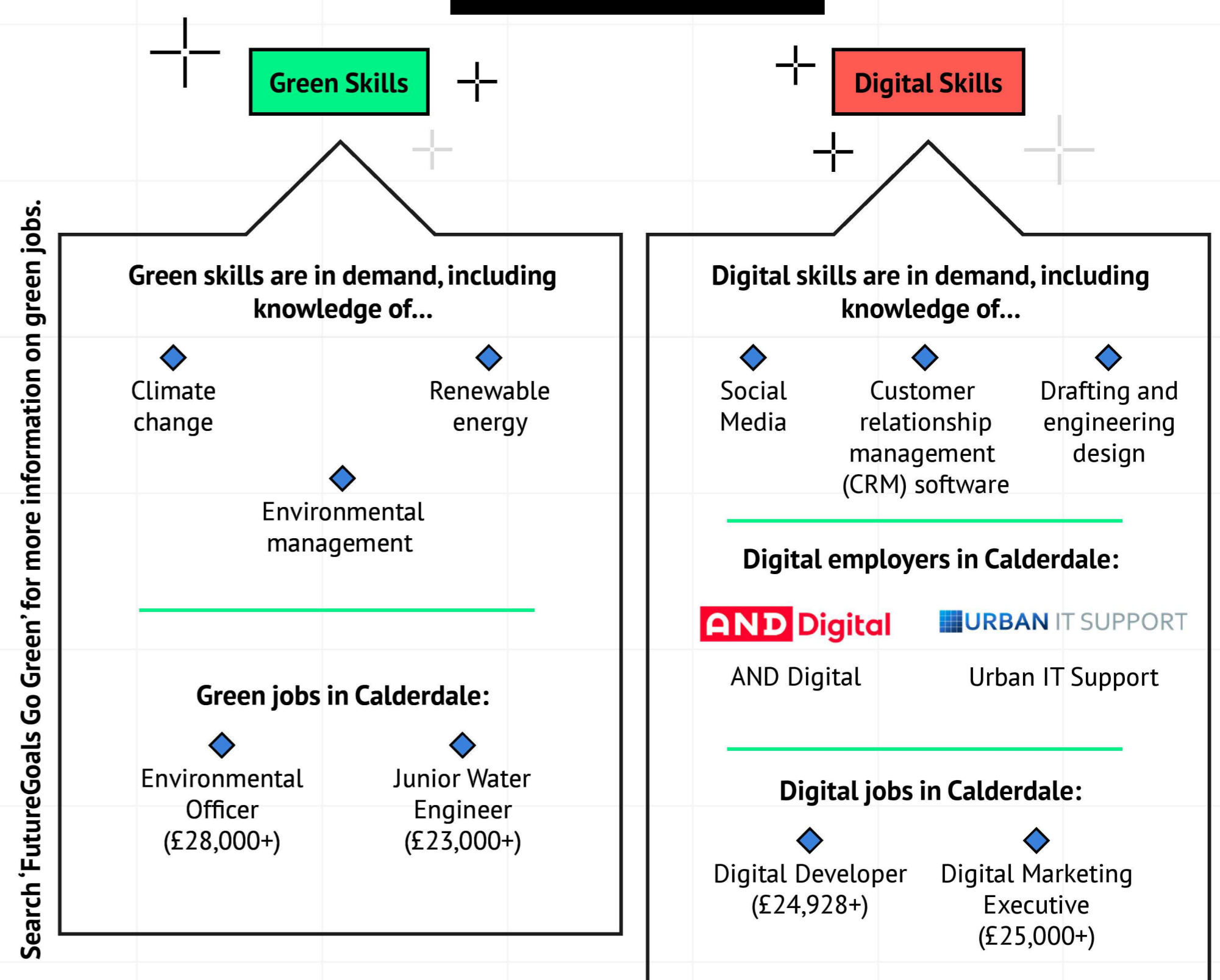


Where are the skill gaps?

These are the skills that employers say people are lacking!

- Time management:** How do you make sure your work is done on time?
- Teamwork:** Have you ever worked on a group project or played a team sport?
- Emotional intelligence:** Have you ever navigated a difficult social situation?

Skills for the future



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