

Tariq's story

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Tariq has always been into travel. He's been to Europe and he loves talking to people about their holidays. He'd love to go on a round-the-world trip.

At school he did an NVQ Level 1 in Leisure and Tourism. Although he didn't do as well as he hoped in his GCSEs, his NVQ has helped him to get his dream job in a travel agency. He wants to work his way up, so his employer is supporting him to study an NVQ Level 2 in Leisure and Tourism one day a week.

"I was always keen to get a job. I get on well with the people I work with and it's great meeting everyone who comes into the shop. The skills I've learnt at school and on my NVQ – like ICT, teamwork and customer service – have all helped give me the confidence to go back to college and get more qualifications."



Leisure and Tourism

When you think of tourist destinations, you don't immediately think of South Yorkshire! But tourism contributes £193 million to South Yorkshire's economy.

The careers

There are jobs at all levels depending on your qualifications and experiences. These can include working in hotels, restaurants, sports arenas, gyms, leisure parks, travel and tourist services and holiday centres.

Did you know?

- There are 5,214 tourism-related businesses in South Yorkshire. The majority of these are in restaurants and hotels, but there are many involved directly in tourism, visitor attractions and leisure parks.
- 157,000 people work in the leisure and tourism industry in Yorkshire and Humber. Just over a fifth are aged 16–19, with a further 19% aged between 20 and 24.
- Tourism accounts for 10% of the South Yorkshire workforce.
- The number of hotels, restaurants, leisure businesses and visitor attractions throughout South Yorkshire is growing.
- Between 2005 and 2010 there could be 1,500 new leisure and tourism jobs in South Yorkshire, plus another 10,800 to replace those leaving the industry.

To find out more about the Leisure and Tourism sector, visit:

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