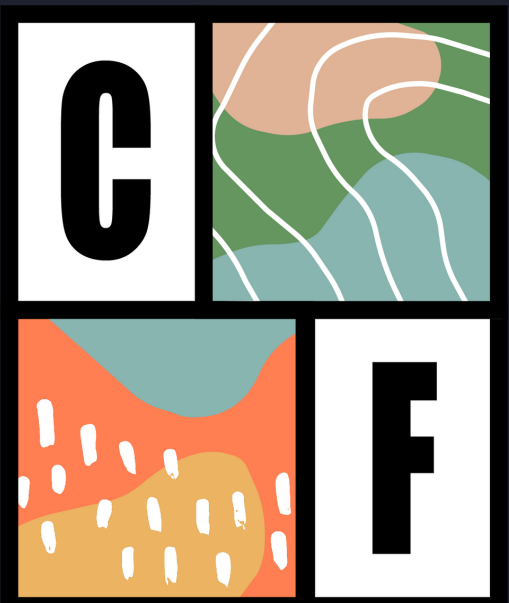




TRADES



The Trade Industry

Building Trades:

Building trades encompass a variety of construction jobs, including carpentry, flooring, masonry and plumbing. If you want to begin work immediately and have some basic skills, you can land a job as a painter, landscaper or carpet installer with very little training or experience. As you learn the trade, you may decide to open your own business or move into a larger company. If you want to become an electrician, plumber, pipe fitter or welder, you will need to gain vocational qualifications or complete an apprenticeship.

Motor Mechanic:

Motor mechanics are responsible for repairing and modifying cars by replacing parts, running tests and diagnosing faults. Mechanics typically work in garage environments, where they use specialist tools and machinery. Many mechanics start as apprentices in local garages so that they can train on the job whilst studying towards a level 2 or 3 diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair or Vehicle Technology, which can take a number of years. You'll usually need GCSEs in English and Maths to apply. With experience, you could become a senior technician, workshop supervisor or garage manager. You could also work as a breakdown engineer or MOT tester, or specialise in a particular area like motorsport engineering.