

Career Development Advice

This advice sheet has been produced to assist:

- People looking for a change in career
- People who have recently been made redundant, or
- People who are serving a redundancy notice period

The training opportunity

Retrain for a new and exciting career as a Home Information Pack provider

Due to a recent change in Government legislation, every home that is put on the market for sale in England and Wales now requires a HIP - that's an estimated 1.5 million properties per year.

This has created a new and exciting multi-million pound industry within the property sector. Working towards the YHS certification, YourHIPSearch training will teach you how to enter this industry; whether you are looking to gain employment or considering working for yourself, no matter what your previous experience or background.

The course will teach you how to compile HIP Code compliant packs and provide you with access to an online software system which will allow you to produce complete Home Information Packs and compete as a HIP provider. Basically, you'll be equipped with everything you need to compile your own HIPs.

About you

A career in the Home Information Pack industry is ideal for people who have a keen interest in property and the environment. If you can answer 'yes' to the questions below, then this could be the perfect career for you!

- Do you want a career working in a property or environmental based industry?
- Are you able to act in a professional manner and provide a customer focused service?
- Do you enjoy working with people?
- Do you have an eye for detail and are thorough with the work that you produce?
- Do you want to develop your skills further and progress into new business areas within the property and energy conservation industries?



Career opportunities available

Employment route

Following the training you will have learnt many new skills that will help enable you to gain employment as a Home Information Pack Adviser / Manager within an estate agency, legal, construction, or surveying business environment.

Self-employed route

Many of our previous training delegates have gone onto setting up their own Home Information Pack business. Further post-course advice and other related business and marketing courses are available for potential entrepreneurs looking to set-up on their own.

Future career development

Once you have established yourself in the Home Information Pack industry there a number of different career progression paths that you could follow. These include; commercial energy assessment, provision of renewable energies, provision of personal search reports, and proposed new government industries such as housing energy advisers and community energy advisers.

Funding options & grant schemes

ReAct

ReAct vocational training grants provide up to £2,500 for people who **live or work in Wales**, who have recently been **made redundant**, or are currently **under notice of redundancy**, to help individuals gain new skills, overcome obstacles and return to work in the shortest time possible. This grant does not need to be paid back.

Please note that you are only eligible for grant funding for up to six months after you have been made redundant. So time is of the essence and it's important that you act swiftly and positively, as soon as you are made redundant.

Next step – to find out more about ReAct and to arrange a meeting with your local Careers Wales adviser, please call the ReAct Team on **01792 765888**.

Career Development Loans

Career Development Loans (CDLs) are commercial bank loans, offered in conjunction with the Learning & Skills Council. A CDL can be used to help you pay for work-related learning if you are unable to pay for the course yourself. You don't have to start paying your loan back until one month after you stop training.

For information on Career Development Loan funding to support your learning, please call 0800 100 900.

