If you have enjoyed taking part in the Fruit-full Communities Project, you might like to work in a similar area in the future.

With every year that passes there are more jobs related to climate change and how to reduce it. This is what people call the ‘Green Economy’. During the project you have learnt a lot about trees and how to plant and care for them. These are very valuable skills in the Green Economy. So there is a good chance that there will be more jobs for people who know how to plant trees in the future – and you are one of them!
As the world’s population grows we need to find more efficient ways to feed ourselves to make sure people don’t go hungry in the future. Industrial meat and dairy production will never be the answer, because so many resources are used to produce food that way – water, animal feed and antibiotics to name just a few.

Agroforestry is another system where trees are grown together with other crops to make best use of the land. It is being used in many places around the world on large scale farms as well as small forest gardens. Find out more about it from the Agroforestry Research Trust here [bit.ly/2obdOfH](https://bit.ly/2obdOfH). Or watch Martin Crawford talking about it on this video [bit.ly/2nAuewH](https://bit.ly/2nAuewH).

You can learn more about how to grow food in ways that protect the environment from these organisations.

- Permaculture Association [bit.ly/2oO384g](https://bit.ly/2oO384g)
- Ecological Land Co-operative [bit.ly/1NgMNON](https://bit.ly/1NgMNON)
- Soil Association Future Growers [bit.ly/2o4f4g3](https://bit.ly/2o4f4g3)
So if you want to work in a job that involves growing trees and other plants, where do you start?

**Get some more volunteer experience**

There are lots of organisations that take on volunteers, so see what you can find going on in your area. Here are some suggestions to get you started:

- **The Conservation Volunteers** [www.tcv.org.uk](http://www.tcv.org.uk)
- **Groundwork** [bit.ly/2nvIPb3](http://bit.ly/2nvIPb3)
- **The National Trust** [bit.ly/1Nbm9Xt](http://bit.ly/1Nbm9Xt)
- **The Wildlife Trusts** [bit.ly/QFDc8g](http://bit.ly/QFDc8g)

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**Do an apprenticeship**

The Forestry Commission, for example, have apprenticeships [bit.ly/2nvKJbE](http://bit.ly/2nvKJbE).

To find other apprenticeships in your area visit [bit.ly/2nju4Hv](http://bit.ly/2nju4Hv) and click the button to search in the category Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care.
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Do a course

UCAS Progress has lots of information about courses and apprenticeships for 16 – 18 year olds
bit.ly/2nMglMps

Lantra provides information about courses and jobs specifically in land-based and environmental roles
www.lantra.co.uk/careers

Other information about courses for people over 19 years can be found on Hotcourses
www.hotcourses.com and Floodlight
www.floodlight.co.uk/london

Think about your skills and write a great CV

Have a look at the skills sheet and see which skills you think you’ve gained from taking part in this project.

There is some good advice on how to write your CV on the National Careers Service website bit.ly/2mMe8Bf

Get a job

The National Careers service has information on jobs working with animals, plants and land
bit.ly/2nhbZZP

Contact them for some one-to-one advice. The web chat service allows you to get some personal advice from the comfort of your own room
bit.ly/2ITY6T1

Best of luck!
Which of these skills did you learn from the Fruit-full Communities Project?

Many of these skills could be used in all kinds of horticulture, forestry, landscaping and gardening. You can include them in applications for jobs and courses as well as on your CV.

**Orchard Planning**

- Surveying
- Soil testing
- Measuring the site
- Drawing a plan
- Selecting tree varieties
- Budgeting

**Orchard Planting**

- Ground preparation
- Tree planting
- Using tools safely
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#### Orchard Care
- **Mulching**
- **Watering**
- **Removing blossom**
- **Tree supports and protection**
- **Pests and Diseases**
- **Pruning**
- **Thinning fruitlets**

#### Working together
- **Team work**
- **Communication**
- **Using social media**
- **Leadership, taking responsibility**
- **Researching and sharing ideas**
- **Connecting with people on other projects**