

CAREER INTERESTS & THE PUBLIC SECTOR



The Public Sector - An Overview:

THE GOVERNMENT

18 DEPARTMENTS

AGRICULTURE,
FOOD AND THE MARINE
CHILDREN,
EQUALITY, DISABILITY,
INTEGRATION
AND YOUTH
DEFENCE
EDUCATION
ENTERPRISE,
TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT
FINANCE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS
HEALTH



FURTHER AND
HIGHER EDUCATION,
RESEARCH, INNOVATION
AND SCIENCE
HOUSING, LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AND
HERITAGE

JUSTICE
PUBLIC EXPENDITURE
AND REFORM
RURAL AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
SOCIAL PROTECTION
THE ENVIRONMENT,
CLIMATE AND
COMMUNICATIONS
THE TAOISEACH
TOURISM, CULTURE,
ARTS, GAELTACHT,
SPORT AND MEDIA
TRANSPORT

THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Which is divided into Civil and Public Service

CIVIL SERVICE



COURTS / JUDICIARY / LEGAL



OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS



OFFICE OF
REVENUE COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC SERVICE



LOCAL AUTHORITIES



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EDUCATION



HEALTH/HSE



DEFENCE FORCES



PUBLIC AGENCIES
& BODIES COMMERCIAL
& NON-COMMERCIAL
SEMI STATE



In this lesson you will:

- Recognise the main areas in the public sector and the various government departments.
- Learn to relate some public sector roles, and their relevant sectors; by use of the Career Interest Profile
- Identify suitability of roles in relation to interests, ensuring the roles specified lie within the public sector
- Participate in group work to discuss roles and their suitability, when given specific criteria.
- Understand how to recognise a public sector role.



So, what do we mean when we say 'sector'?

Sectors = Categories: An Example - Education



Exploring the Career Sectors

- 1. Go to <https://careersportal.ie>
- 2. Click on 'TOOLS'. 3. Under 'CAREERS', click on CAREER SECTORS'. 4. This page will show a full list of all the sectors, there are many sub-sectors within each one.

Sector

Salary

The Work

Skills

Jobs in Brief

Entry

Qualities



How do we know which careers within a sector are a good fit?

Our Career Interest Profiler (CPIP) gives us a clue.



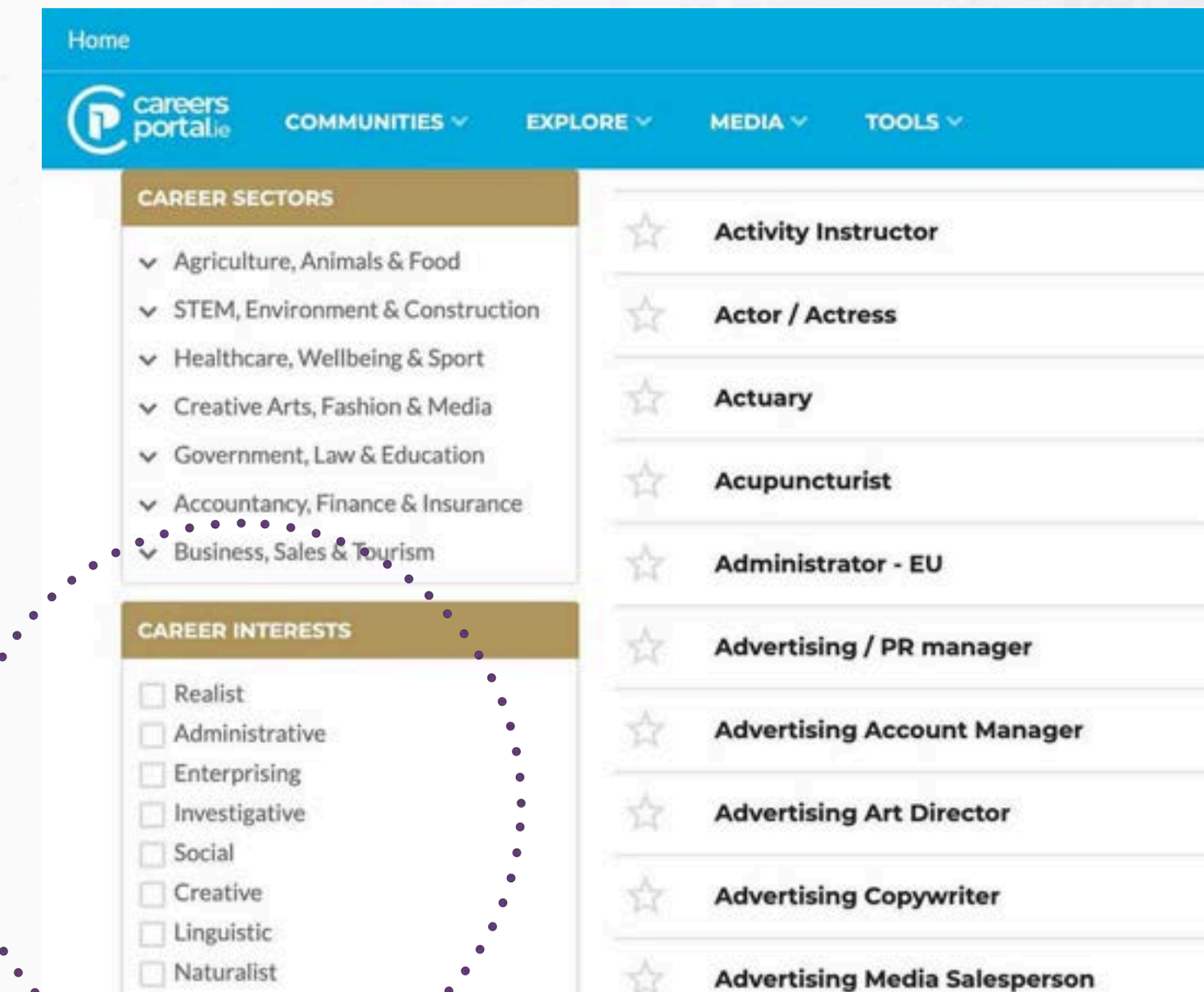
This person's main interest areas are: Social - Linguistic - Creative

Let's add these to the 'CAREER EXPLORER' under 'TOOLS' and see what happens!

A person's Career Values also hold a clue. Whatever type of job you're looking for, it's worth developing an awareness and understanding of your core work values because they can have a significant say on the career area that is right for you. Those seeking security or the desire to help others for example are often well matched to jobs in the public sector. Ask your Guidance Counsellor for more detail on this point.

Recap:

1. Go to <https://careersportal.ie>
2. Click on 'TOOLS'.
3. Under 'CAREERS', click on 'CAREER EXPLORER'.
4. Leave the 'FILTER' box empty.
5. Scroll down the left-hand side, until you see the 'Career Sector' & 'Career Interests' boxes.
6. In 'Career Interests' tick the boxes matching the person's interests.
In this case: Social, Linguistic, Creative.
7. Time to narrow the search! In 'Career Sector' select 'GOVERNMENT, LAW & EDUCATION' - 'COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY' + 'SECURITY, DEFENCE & LAW ENFORCEMENT'.
8. This narrows the careers to 22 suitable matches.

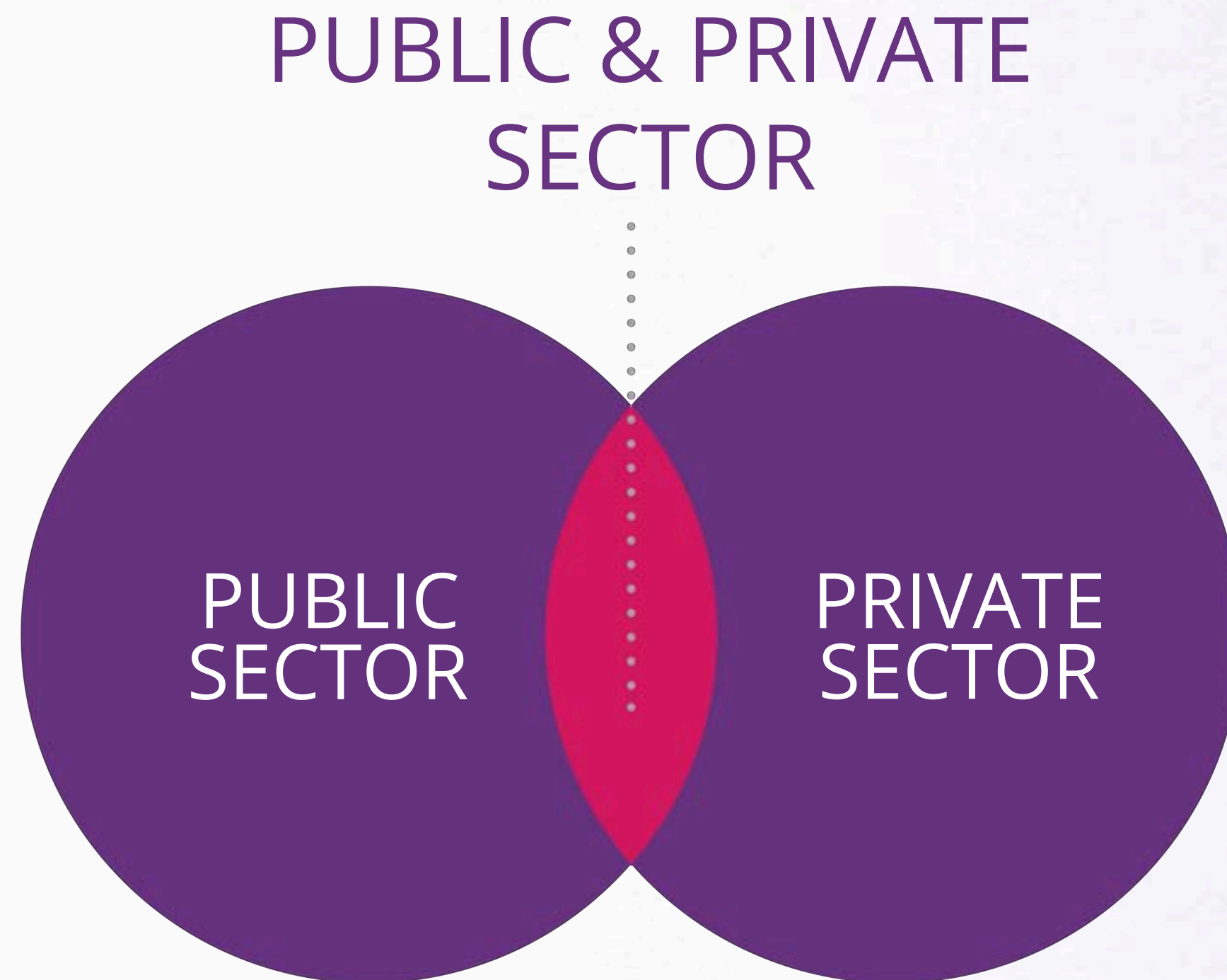


Remember!

Some roles will be in the public sector and some will overlap with the private sector.

Go to 'student info' page on <https://publicjobs.ie/en/schools/student-info> for more information.

Now you try...



Match it Up!

Use the Career Explorer link on
CareersPortal.ie to try to find your
character's perfect career match.

Use the filters down the left-hand side to complete the information you have.

Good Luck!



AND THE WINNER IS...



Answers

Dave: Dog Warden - This is a public sector role ONLY.

Alex: General Nurse - This is public sector UNLESS the nurse is employed by a private clinic or in a GP's office.

Ali: Town Planner - This is public sector ONLY.

Jesse: Civil Service - Clerical Officer - This is public sector ONLY.

