This is a guide to some of the resources available within the British Library Business & IP Centre relevant to the recruitment and training industries.

Inside you will find sources of information such as market research (statistics, trends, developments), key companies, trade magazines, newsletters, and Internet sources.

This guide covers business aspects of the recruitment and training industries. For more technical and academic works on management, recruitment and training see Explore the British Library.
Start-Up Information

The Cobra database contains practical fact-sheets on all aspects of starting, running and managing a small business – including information on writing business plans, marketing, company structures etc.

It also covers the practical aspects of how to start and run particular types of businesses – outlining necessary skills, regulations, licences and legislation etc. and highlights other sources of information and advice available.

Business Opportunity Profiles (BOP)
Business Trainer BOP492
Executive Coach BOP496
Executive Search Consultant BOP428
HR Consultant BOP433
IT Trainer BOP332
Recruitment Agency BOPo84
Temping Agency BOP226

Mini Business Profiles (MBP)
CV Writer MBP420
Public Speaking Coach MBP172

Small Business Help Books

This is a collection of books with practical information aimed at those starting and running a business. Located in the Centre, unless otherwise stated.

The Coaching Manual by Julie Starr (Pearson, 2016) [SBH MNG.73 Small Business Help]

Complete Guide to Mentoring by Hilarie Owen (Kogan Page, 2011) [SBH MNG.74 Small Business Help]
Deliver Great Training Courses by Martin Manser (John Murray Learning, 2014) [SBH ODHR.21 Small Business Help]
How to be a confident trainer including course design.

Finding & Hiring Talent in a Week by Nigel Cumberland (John Murray Learning, 2016) [SBH ODHR.30 Small Business Help]

Comprehensive guide to business coaching including skills and psychological techniques.

How to develop, design and deliver business training including resources for ideas, practical help etc.

Headhunters and How to Use Them: a Guide for Organisations and Individuals by Nancy Garrison Jenn (Economist/Profile Books, 2005) [YK.2006.a.1186 Humanities – has to be ordered using Explore the British Library]
Guide on how to use executive search companies for candidates and employers including a survey of the major consultancy firms. A little old but still a standard guide.

How to Be a Successful Life Coach by Shelagh Young (How To Books, 2009) [(B) SBH BT.40 Small Business Help]
Guide to setting up a coaching business including skills, choosing a client base, business structure etc.
New Coach: Reflections from a Learning Journey by Lis Paice (2013) [SBH MNG.53 Small Business Help]


Market Research & Statistics

If you are planning on starting a business you will need to be aware of the latest trends, developments and opportunities within your industry which can all be found from market research.

Market research also covers market size and forecasts, consumer demographics and attitudes, the key players and products and will often include SWOT and PEST analysis showing areas of strength, weakness, opportunities etc.

– Corporate Wellness Services in the UK (UK0.008)
– Employment Placement Agencies in the UK (N78.100)
– Executive Search Recruiters in the UK (UK0.013)
– Technical & Vocational Education in the UK (P85.410)
– Temporary Employment Placement Agencies in the UK (N78.200)
(all the above have accompanying Brexit Impact Statements)

– Recruitment 2018
– Recruitment Consultants 2015

Please note that many articles about the industry (from business journals and newspapers) are available from electronic sources: ISI Emerging Markets, eMarketer, Business Source Complete (EBSCO), Factiva etc.
Other Market Research Reports

**UK Retained Executive Search Industry Report** (Executive Grapevine, 2012/2013) [(B) 658.4071110941 BUS]
Overview of the executive recruitment markets in senior management and in the key sectors of finance, industrial, consumer, media, healthcare, professional and not-for-profit.

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**Business News & Journals**

In order to find the latest news on your topic it is always worth searching Factiva, Business Source Complete and EMIS.

You will find articles from specialist business and academic journals, as well as newspapers and magazines. You may also find market research reports and case studies. As well as profiles of leading industry figures.

You will also find articles covering recent developments, and predicting future trends in your industry.

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**Trade Magazines and Newsletters**

Useful for gaining inside knowledge, recent trends, industry news, company profiles, reviews of new products and services. Some contain annual reviews and company contact lists.

**Executive Talent** (formerly Search) (Association of Executive Search & Leadership Consultants, quarterly) [Available as a free eMagazine on the web]

**Global Recruiter** (Front Page Publishing, monthly) [(P) 658.31110941 – E(1) BUS]
**Graduate Recruiter** (Association of Student Employers, bi-monthly) [ZC.9.b.3049 – Humanities] (Order via Explore the British Library)
News, comment and topical features.

**HR Grapevine** (Executive Grapevine International, monthly) [(P) 658.3005-E(5) Science 2]
Formerly Grapevine. News for people in the talent management sector including company profiles, trends, career development issues etc. Also publish directories of executive recruitment consultants (see Directories section). Hard copy available up to Oct 2015. Later editions in full on website: www.hrgrapevine.com

**Industrial and Commercial Training** (Emerald Group, quarterly) [Social Sciences Periodicals Display for 12 months then Humanities P.513/237 - from 2014 Electronic Legal Deposit] [also available onsite via electronic resources – ABI Inform & Emerald] Semi-academic journal covering the latest research in training and development for industry and business.

Trends in the labour market and recruitment and economic background.
www.cipd.co.uk/knowledge/work/trends/labour-market-outlook

(Note: final issue was December 2016 but may still have useful content)

www.recruiter.co.uk

**Training Journal** (Dods Group, monthly) [Social Science Periodicals Display for 12 months then Humanities P.551/109] [available onsite via electronic resources – ABI Inform & Business Source Complete] News and features for those involved in the learning and development sector, including coaching. There is company news, interviews, reviews of resources, conferences and a marketplace section.
www.trainingjournal.com (journal and back issues on website).

This list does not include academic or technical journals on management or training. Many of these will be available in the Social Sciences reading room (use Explore the British Library).
Directories

Contain lists of companies and industry contacts. Some have annual industry reviews, and specialist articles.

**Directory of Products & Suppliers: UK Education & Training** (British Educational Suppliers Association, annual) [(B) DIR 338.7613702541 BUS]
Lists suppliers of educational and training equipment e.g. whiteboards, software, furniture etc. 2013 edition is last on shelf but searchable online.
[www.besa.org.uk/suppliers](http://www.besa.org.uk/suppliers)

**Executive Grapevine Global Directory of Executive Recruitment Consultants**
(Executive Grapevine International, annual) [(B) DIR 658.407111025 BUS]
Country-by-country listing of consultants specialising in executive recruitment. Includes contact details as well as biographies of the major consultants and lists their specialisms. Note: final edition available 2012/3.

**Personnel Manager’s Yearbook** (AP Information Services, annual) [(B) DIR 658.3002541 BUS]
Directory for people working in human resources departments. Consists of detailed listings of HR and training managers in large companies and organisations. Note: final edition was 2012/3.

**Training Manager’s Yearbook** (AP Information Services, annual) [(B) 658.3124 BUS]
Directory for training managers and people in company training departments. Also training course providers by specialism. Note: final edition was 2012.

Internet Sources

Websites containing free sources of industry statistics, information and contacts.

**Association of Employment and Learning Providers**
Membership organisation for private, not-for-profit and voluntary sector training organisations, including apprenticeship schemes. Site includes news and policy documents. [www.aelp.org.uk](http://www.aelp.org.uk)

**Association of Executive Search & Leadership Consultants**
International organisation (based in the US). Site includes news, resources, eMagazine, blogs, industry reports and global membership directory. [www.aesc.org](http://www.aesc.org)

**Association of Independent Professionals and the Self Employed (IPSE)**
Organisation for the professional self-employed including trainers and recruitment consultants. [www.ipse.co.uk](http://www.ipse.co.uk)
Association of Recruitment Consultants
Trade association representing recruitment companies from all sectors. Site has information on the association, details of events etc. [www.arc-org.net](http://www.arc-org.net)

Best Companies
Lists and profiles of the best companies to work for in the UK including small, medium, large and non-profits. Profiles include details of employment policies, progression, benefits etc. [www.b.co.uk/the-lists](http://www.b.co.uk/the-lists)

British Institute of Recruiters
Professional body for recruiters and HR. Website has details of membership, model terms, register of recruiters and industry supplier details. Members can access best practice guides and templates. [www.ior.org](http://www.ior.org)

British Library Management & Business Studies Portal
Gateway to reports, articles, news and original content on the internet and in the British Library. Includes human resources management and employee relations. [www.mbsportal.bl.uk](http://www.mbsportal.bl.uk)

Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development
Professional body for people working in human resources. [www.cipd.co.uk](http://www.cipd.co.uk)

Employee Benefits
Online news and information resource including a directory of suppliers. [www.employeebenefits.co.uk](http://www.employeebenefits.co.uk)

Executive Research Association
Network of executive search professionals. Activities include events, training and a researcher directory. [www.theera.org](http://www.theera.org)

The Global Recruiter
Online version of the magazine. Includes news, features, job adverts and supplier directory. [www.theglobalrecruiter.com/](http://www.theglobalrecruiter.com/)

Hot Courses
UK directory of courses including training and career courses, further and higher education and short and hobby courses. [www.hotcourses.com](http://www.hotcourses.com)

HR Director Online
Website includes news, features, job search, events and searchable HR services supplier directory. [www.thehrdirector.com](http://www.thehrdirector.com)

Institute of Consulting
Professional body for consultants in general (including HR and recruitment consultants). [www.iconsulting.org.uk](http://www.iconsulting.org.uk)

Institute of Recruitment Professionals
Part of the Recruitment and Employment Federation. Website has legal resources, publications and details of events. [www.rec-irp.uk.com](http://www.rec-irp.uk.com)

Institute of Student Employers
Formerly Association of Graduate Recruiters. Employer-led membership association of companies and organisations that employ graduates. [www.ise.org.uk](http://www.ise.org.uk)
Learning and Performance Institute
Website of the professional body for learning and development professionals. Details of the institute and information on careers, events, accreditation and standards. Contains research papers, webinars and industry news. www.thelpi.org

Learning & Work Institute
Independent research institute. Website has free reports and statistics. www.learningandwork.org.uk

Online Recruitment (OnRec)
Free news and information about the recruitment industry. Includes site and sector profiles, discussion forum and a directory. www.onrec.com

Payroll Centre
Resources for payroll professionals, news and regulations. www.thepayrollcentre.co.uk

Personnel Today
Online version of the industry weekly newspaper, now only available online. Includes latest news, blogs, resources and supplier details. www.personneltoday.com

Recruiter Magazine
Online version of the magazine. Includes news, analysis and job advert search functions. www.recruiter.co.uk

Recruitment Agency Expo
Details of the exhibitions held in London and Birmingham including free seminars. www.recruitmentagencyexpo.com

Recruitment and Employment Confederation
Main professional body for the recruitment and training industries. Site includes member directory and details of events but membership required for other information. Includes the Association of Executive Recruiters and the Interim Management Association. www.rec.uk.com

Recruitment Buzz
News and views on recruitment matters. www.recruitmentbuzz.co.uk

Training Journal
Website accompanying the Training Journal. Site include recent training news, directories of training course providers, training venues and suppliers to the training industry. Also job search facility, conference reports and details of awards. Magazine and back issues on the site. www.trainingjournal.com

Training Pages
Directory of over 25,000 courses, categorised by subject with an alphabetical listing of training providers and a venue guide. Free to register. www.trainingpages.com

Training Zone
Information for trainers. Includes news and features, useful downloadable documents, directories (of trainers, venues, suppliers, courses and coaches) and a job search facility. www.trainingzone.co.uk

UK Recruiter
‘The Recruitment Knowledge Network’. Website includes online forums, supplier directory and newsletter. www.ukrecruiter.co.uk
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