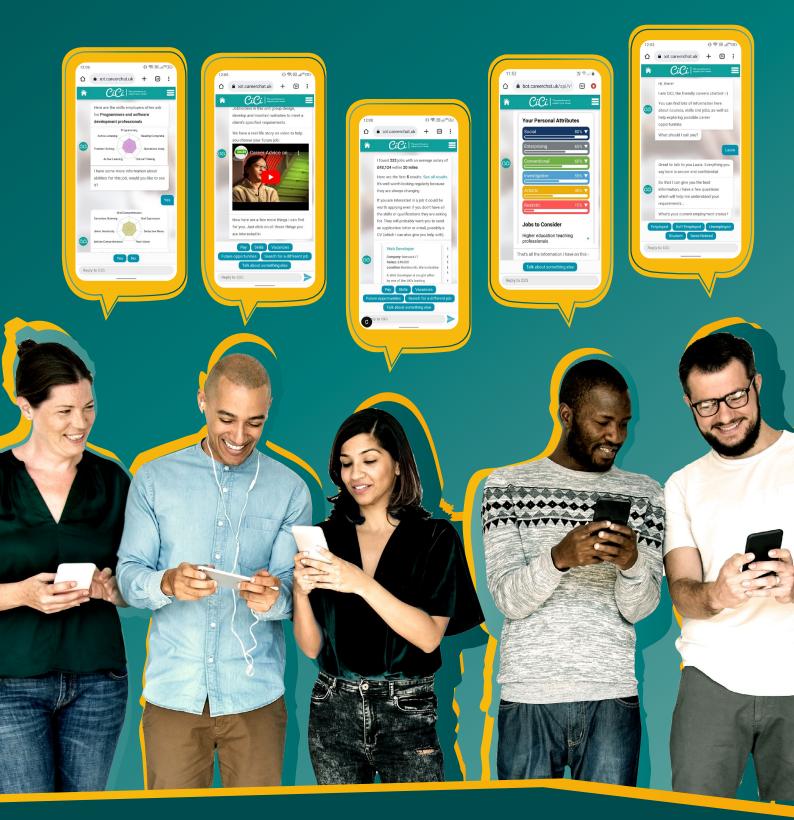
# CiCi

# **Empowering Careers**



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## Empowering Careers

CiCi is a chatbot that supports personalised career exploration for adults and young people, giving them access to current and relevant careers information in a single place. Lighten the workload of career advisors and improve the quality of time spent supporting your clients by providing 24/7 impartial and confidential careers information and advice.

#### **Innovative**

CiCi can revolutionise your careers and employability provision, enabling personalised information and advice to be delivered at any moment in time and creating warm handover opportunities to career advisors where needed.

#### Accessible

CiCi provides a multilingual experience for users translating the chat into 40+ languages. Text-tospeech technology allows users to focus on the content rather than on the act of reading.

CiCi can be embedded into your organisation's website and internal systems and can work across all devices.

#### **Highly Personalised**

The unique architecture that sits behind CiCi is composed of elements that can be customised, creating a bespoke experience for your clients aligned with your organisation's needs.

CiCi can be branded to match the look and feel of your organisation.

#### **Comprehensive**

CiCi comes with a comprehensive dashboard of metrics, giving your organisation its own range of analytics to help you improve your service provision.

Each unique conversation flow has been developed based on best practices in careers conversations linking individuals to a comprehensive range of data sources. Selected examples include:





















Job and Skills information profiles

26,000+

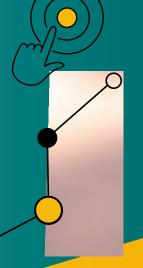
**ESFA** course information 40,000+

Full & part-time jobs in England, **Scotland and Wales** 

25,000+

Inspirational career journey video shorts

1,500+





- Engaging activities for jobs discovery
- CV support
- Job information, vacancies and LMI
- Career insights
- Decision making
- → Volunteering
- Courses and apprenticeships
- Self-employment
- → Referral to a human adviser



#### Tailored to your organisation

The ever-shifting digital landscape has created endless opportunities being maximised by CiCi.

#### **EMBEDDING AND BRANDING**

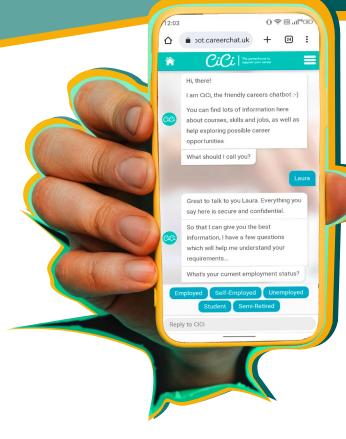
CiCi is a white-label product that can be customised to match the look and feel of your organisation. You provide the logos and colour scheme and we provide the software.

#### **CUSTOMISED APIS**

If you require your system to work hand in hand with CiCi then we can make it happen. Your data sets can be embedded into CiCi enabling users to navigate your organisation's offer as part of their career exploration and development. Our customised APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) ensure data flows are functional, secure, and reliable.

#### **CONVERSATION FLOWS**

We find that many of our customers require different conversation flows that meet their particular requirements. We will work with you to add and remove conversation flows for an enhanced user experience that is bespoke to your organisation.



#### **STAFF TRAINING**

To maximise its potential, we offer training and resources for your staff to ensure they are well equipped, motivated and confident in using this careers chatbot to drive career development success and employability outcomes across your organisation.

#### **ANALYTICS**

Tailored to your organisation, CiCi comes with a personalised dashboard of metrics, providing comprehensive data analytics to help align your service provision with the reality of the types of searches and occupations individuals are exploring. This can enable accurate comparison against local, regional and national LMI.



### CiCi for Combined and Local Authorities

#### Cici at Arden University

With innovation at the forefront, Arden University took a leading position being the first HEI to adopt CiCi as a solution to reaching individuals in local communities and supporting their students and staff by embedding the customised chatbot within their website and wider careers offer.

The team at CareerChat (UK) Ltd., made the process of building a customised careers chatbot very straightforward. They shared their technical and careers expertise with insights into the types of questions to be embedded within the bot and what the user experience should be. They worked closely with us to smoothly integrate high-quality user-friendly careers resources now available 24:7.

> Caroline Tolond, Head of Careers and Employability, Arden University

Read about Arden University's 'Six tips for implementing a careers chatbot ethically and effectively' in Times Higher Education:

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The CareerChat team offers new insights to the innovative use of artificial intelligence and chatbots. For employability professionals this new tool and approach holds significant promise in supporting adults with their employability skills and subsequent transitions into fast changing learning and work environments.

Scott Parkin, CEO
Institute of Employability Professionals

Some organisations who have been a part of the journey so far:

Finalists in the CareerTech Challenge Prize aiming to improve access to data-driven careers advice and quidance.



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### The Development of CiCi

#### 2019

Brought together by a passion for innovation and a belief that no one should feel alone in their search for meaningful learning and work, a small group of education and careers masterminds embarked on a mission to push the boundaries of career development and exploration. Dr Deirdre Hughes OBE assembled a specialist team to conduct an in-depth international review of the use of chatbots, powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP). This review uncovered major gaps in all-age careers support and the need for careers and employability sectors to embrace new forms of social technology.

#### 2020

The seed of an idea started to become reality. The company's journey was ignited from the moment it received a national PRIZE award, as 1 of 20 finalists in the NESTA/DfE-funded CareerTech Challenge. The team set out to co-develop CiCi; a unique, conversational careers chatbot. Practitioners from careers, employability and education sectors acted as critical friends to the project. A library of personas was created to inform the development process and a prototype was formed based on the feedback of 60 professionals and 136 volunteer users.

#### 2021

The team were awarded a research and development (R&D) grant funding Award from the University of Exeter 'Environmental Futures and Big Data Impact Lab'. This Award supported extended R&D activities to improve the programming and innovative development of CiCi.

#### 2022

CiCi is now live and in action at multiple sites across the UK. Bespoke versions of CiCi have now been successfully launched across the HE and FE sectors, while 'Test & Learn' sites have been established across schools, multi-academy trusts and employability services tracking user-experiences to assist with developments for the future.



The CDI supports innovation in career development and CiCi is a great example of bringing new thinking to the way we provide careers information, advice and quidance. Digital has a key role to play in preparing clients for career quidance interviews, providing easy access to valuable information and linking people with qualified practitioners where they need more support to meet their needs. The CDI believes expert, well-designed technology solutions like CiCi complement the interaction with careers advisers, counsellors and coaches to provide an enhanced service to those looking to start and progress their careers.

David Morgan,
Chief Executive at CDI
(The Career Development Institute)



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