

Futur en tous genres [The children are the future] - important information

The goal of Futur en tous genres is to expand the professional horizons of schoolchildren, allowing them to discover unusual occupations. For this event, hundreds of companies, organisations, professional schools and hautes écoles [prestigious technical schools] are opening their doors all across Switzerland. Girls and boys from Year 7 to Year 9 by the HarmoS agreement [a standardisation of the Swiss school system] in the canton of Bern, Year 9 HarmoS for the canton of Neuchâtel, Year 8 HarmoS for Valais, Year 7 to Year 10 HarmoS for Fribourg, as well as Year 7 in Geneva, are invited to accompany a family member or family friend of the opposite sex to their place of business or to participate in an exciting themed workshop. Under the motto 'changing perspectives', they discover unusual occupations, life paths and work sectors and gain experience from this diversity.

Do you have a boy or girl eligible to participate in this project? Seize your opportunity and look at the possibilities available to her or him:

1. Basic programme: girls and boys accompany a family member or family friend to work

Cross-gender participation is central to the basic programme. However, there are several possible variations:

- Girls can accompany their father and boys their mother (or a family member);
- Girls can accompany a person working in a traditionally male-dominated field; boys a person working in a traditionally female-dominated field.

2. Themed workshops: girls and boys choose a practical workshop

A large number of companies, organisations and professional schools and hautes écoles are offering themed workshops in occupations that are atypical for boys and girls. Would your child also like to participate in a workshop? Please follow these instructions:

• You will find all the necessary information at www.futurentousgenres.ch [in French, German and Italian], under the heading 'ateliers/inscris-toi' [workshops/register].

Useful information

At your workplace

Ask your employer if your child can come and find out about your work during 'Futur en tous genres'. Don't forget to inform your colleagues, management and the human resources department. Many companies/establishments plan a special programme for this event.

At school

If your child would like to accompany you to work or take part in a themed workshop, you are required to fill out a <u>permission slip</u>[in French, German and Italian] that your child will take to his or her teacher.

If your child's class is not participating in this event, he or she will be able to participate in themed activities in class.

Preparation for the 'Futur en tous genres' day

Prepare yourself for the 'Futur en tous genres' day: which job would your child like to find out more about? Nothing is more exciting than discussing these different themes together. A checklist to help you prepare for this day is available here [in French].

Interview

Ask a colleague if he or she is available to answer some questions asked by your child. The goal of this day is for girls and boys to discover the vast array of professions that exist. You should therefore carefully choose a person who works in a field that's unusual or unknown to your child. An <u>interview model [in French]</u> is available to download.

Evaluation questionnaire

At the end of the day, ask your child to fill in the <u>evaluation questionnaire</u> about the 'Futur en tous genres' day and send it to the organisers of <u>Futur en tous genres</u> [in French, German and Italian].