

A point of view 'Chance and opportunity' 15 July 2022

varied life stories

it got me thinking

have more luck

the sliding doors factor

to play down the unexpected

a deliberate curator of a life story

chance encounters

a prestigious publication

by another chance

to call a national strike

to eagerly volunteer

a vacancy

to cover a dispute

to land a job

to connect the dots

to create good luck

a raw chance

in a time of peace

to cultivate sth yourself

an element of serendipity

to trigger a breakthrough

have the gumption

life redirecting

be prompted by sth

a self-help idea

in circumstances of your own choosing

a lucky break
resilience
a dose of impostor syndrome
implicit in sth
to sit uncomfortably
a gloomy national debate
social mobility
to reflect on sth
across-party consensus
to progress towards a goal
to fix your destiny
the bottom half of the income spectrum
structural institutional barriers to a better life
to climb the ladder
be viewed with suspicion
managerial jobs
to live through social mobility recession
unwarranted pessimism
to narrow the gaps
inequality
the national elite
private-school dominated
a newly-appointed commission
outspoken
inner city poverty
cultural values
from unpromising backgrounds

the role of chance
a right temperament
to grasp an opportunity
personal connections
to change the course of life
friendly role models
be blessed with sth
a dose of social capital
an uphill struggle
to replicate the effect
through word of mouth
an infrastructure of opportunity
to grease the wheels of sth