

Art & Design Careers Websites

Careers & Employability Service

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This handout provides a selection of local and national sites focussing on the creative industries in general plus listings specific to a range of creative sectors.

There is a list of recruitment services included, and many of the other sites offer some form of recruitment facility or directory of relevant organisations which can be used to search for potential employers.

When looking for a job or work experience your search should include a speculative approach. Target employers and enquire about opportunities. Small and medium sized employers play an important role in graduate employment in this sector.

This handout provides a selection of useful sites. It is not a complete list; further links for specific occupations are provided at www.prospects.ac.uk/links/occupations

Intute www.intute.ac.uk

The guide to internet resources in the arts and creative industries.

The Arts Council www.artscouncil.org.uk

The national development agency for the arts which includes Arts Jobs.

British Council www.britishcouncil.org

Supports UK artists to travel overseas and give performances or collaborate with artists from other countries.

Creative and Cultural Skills www.cciskills.org.uk

The Sector Skills Council provides information on the creative industries.

The Design Council www.design-council.org.uk

Promoting the best use of design with links to other sites.

Department for Culture, Media and Sport www.culture.gov.uk

This department provides a range of Information some of which is regional.

Transition Tradition www.transitiontradition.com

Creative industries information aimed at students and graduates.

Your Creative Future www.yourcreativefuture.org.uk

Careers information including case studies and additional links.

Local contacts

Careers Fairs www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/fairs

Provides details on the Manchester fairs including a creative fair in the Spring Term.

The Creative Industries Development Service www.cids.co.uk

Register online for this Manchester based service with local news and job opportunities, an interesting newsletter and links to local networks.

Recruitment Services

MMU Careers Information www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/students-and-graduates/resources/guides

For further information see our 'Job Hunting in Art and Design' handout.

Anders Elite www.anderselite.com

Recruitment site for the Built Environment.

Art Culture Media Jobs www.artsculturemediajobs.com

Provides a general way of searching for agencies.

Arts About Manchester www.aam.org.uk

This audience development agency carries NW based vacancies

Arts Jobs Online www.artsjobsonline.com

Advertises arts jobs throughout the UK.

Careers in Design www.careersindesign.com

Site states that they welcome graduates and can give specialist advice and guidance as well as range of vacancies.

Creative Recruitment www.creativerecruitment.co.uk

An agency dedicated to creative jobs.

Creative Pool www.creativepool.co.uk

Vacancies in the design, advertising, new media and print industries.

Eden Brown www.edenbrown.com

Broad range of vacancies including Design.

Job Hopper www.thejobhopper.co.uk

Advertising, Marketing, Creative, Design, IT & Web Design.

MMU Careers & Employability Service www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/coves

This service covers jobs in a range of sectors including the creative industries and many employers in the North West region.

Orchard Suits www.orchardsuits.co.uk

Art and media job vacancies.

Profiles Creative www.profilescreative.com

Job vacancies including creative, media and fashion.

Recruitment and Employment Confederation www.rec.uk.com

This site has a directory of professional recruitment companies.

Talentpool www.cmtalentpool.co.uk

Online matching service with creative sector news.

Work Experience

Employers often use informal methods of recruitment and so networking and word-of-mouth are important ways of opening up work experience opportunities. These sites can be used to search for placements or to research employers as the basis of a speculative approach.

Volunteering MMU www.mmu.ac.uk/volunteering

The volunteer programme for MMU has an extensive database of work experience including opportunities in the creative industries.

MMU Careers & Employability Service www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/coves

This service includes work experience opportunities in a range of sectors.

Prospects Web www.prospects.ac.uk/links/workexp

The national database of work placements covering all job categories.

Design Directory www.designdirectory.co.uk

Directory of design consultants UK and abroad.

Yell.com Search www.yell.com

This directory allows you to search by location and type of organisation.

Self Employment/ freelancing

Creative London Intellectual Property Advice Service www.own-it.org

A range of news, resources, FAQs providing legal advice.

Innospace www.innospace.co.uk

MMU's Business Incubator.

National Council for Graduate Entrepreneurship www.ncge.org.uk

Encourages business start-up through the Flying Start Programme.

Nesta www.nesta.org.uk

Business support for creative individuals through the Creative Pioneers.

Additional links: Arts Administration / Museums

Arts-Business www.aandb.org.uk

Information on partnerships between business and the arts.

The Arts Marketing Association www.a-m-a.co.uk

Promoting the arts and cultural industries with professional development information.

Arts Professional www.artsprofessional.co.uk

Arts and cultural activities in the not-for-profit sectors. Includes job vacancy details.

City University www.city.ac.uk/artspolicy/artlinks.html

Has large site on Arts Policy and Management, with many links.

Group for Education in Museums www.gem.org.uk

Promotes the educational work of museums.

Guide to Art Collections www.artguide.org/uk

Art collections of Britain and Ireland by artist, museum or location.

Museums Association www.museumsassociation.org

Includes careers information and job vacancy details.

Museums www.culture24.org.uk

Directory of museums by name or region.

Performing Arts Index www.arts-info.co.uk

Directory of venues and organisations across Europe.

Theatre Net www.theatrenet.co.uk

Agents, festivals, organisations etc.

Additional links: Crafts

The Crafts Council www.craftscouncil.org.uk

Includes lists of craft shops and services to makers and the public.

British Artist Blacksmiths Association www.baba.org.uk

Classified ads, education etc.

British Ceramics Confederation www.ceramfed.co.uk

Trade association covering all aspects of the ceramics industry.

British Jewellers Association www.bja.org.uk/

Searchable directory of members and useful links.

British Society of Master Glass Painters www.bsmgp.org.uk

Dedicated to the art and craft of stained glass production.

British Toymakers Guild www.toy.co.uk

Includes directory of toy museums and links.

Ceramic Review www.ceramicreview.com

Ceramic art and craft magazine with an international focus.

StudioPottery.co.uk Ltd www.studiopottery.co.uk

Links include a guide to galleries and UK based potters.

Additional links: Photography

The Association of Photographers www.the-aop.org

Has a links page and offers careers advice.

British Association of Picture libraries and Agencies www.bapla.org.uk

Includes a list of all British picture libraries and agencies.

British Institute of Professional Photography www.bipp.com

Includes a searchable database of photographers.

The British Journal of Photography online www.bjphoto.co.uk
Includes searchable database of study options and job vacancies.

Bureau of Freelance Photographers www.thebfp.com
Supports freelance photographers.

Guild of Photographers www.photoguild.co.uk
Provides a range of business support.

Master Photographers Association www.thempa.com
Searchable database of photographers with services for members.

The Photo Imaging Council www.pic.uk.net
Represents British companies in the photo imaging sector.

Redeye www.redeye.org.uk
The photography site for the North West – includes advice on work experience.

The Royal Photographic Society www.rps.org
Includes information on education and training opportunities.

Additional links: Theatre and Performing Arts

Association of British Theatre Technicians www.abtt.org.uk
Links, vacancies and information on training.

The Conference of Drama Schools www.drama.ac.uk
Includes links to the 22 drama schools who are members.

Get Into Theatre www.getintotheatre.org
With email advice service, regional information, links and course listings.

Independent Theatre Council www.itc-arts.org
Training courses, members' list, links.

National Council for Drama Training www.ncdt.co.uk/
Course details and associated information.

PANDA www.panda-arts.org.uk
Manchester based arts organisations, also covers arts administration.

Performing Arts Indexes www.arts-info.co.uk
Details of venues and organisations.

Royal Shakespeare Company www.rsc.org.uk
Includes job and work experience vacancy information.

The Spotlight www.spotlightcd.com
Leading casting service on the Web.

Society of British Theatre Designers www.theatredesign.org.uk
Details of agents, a directory of designers and links.

“The Stage” magazine www.thestage.co.uk
A variety of information including vacancies.

Theatre Net www.theatrenet.co.uk

Links to agents, festivals, organisations, on-line guides, funding etc.

UK Theatre Web www.uktw.co.uk

Job vacancies and links to many relevant sites.

Additional links: Visual Arts

AN – the Artists Information Company www.a-n.co.uk

Vacancies and graduate career profiles are included.

Art on the Net www.art.net

A resource, news, links.

Axis www.axisweb.org

The National Register of Contemporary British Artists and Craftspeople, includes information for visual artists and vacancies/opportunities.

British Arts www.britisharts.co.uk

Includes a message board dedicated to arts graduates.

British Design and Art Direction www.dandad.org

Details of awards, workshops and educational programmes.

Castlefield Gallery www.castlefieldgallery.co.uk

Provides up-to-date information on the emerging art scene in Manchester.

Design Initiative www.designinit.org.uk

Promotes visual arts produced in the North West.

Guide to Art Collections of Britain and Ireland www.artguide.org/uk/

Can be searched by artist, by museum and geographically.

e – Mailout www.e-mailout.org

Network for participatory and community arts development.

Public Art Web Links <http://public-art.shu.ac.uk/weblinx.html>

Links including awards, competitions, articles and useful addresses.

The Public Monuments and Sculpture Association www.pmsa.org.uk

Events, “Sculpture Journal” and links.

Additional links: Built Environment

British Interior Design Association www.bida.org

Educational and training information with links and a directory of designers.

The Landscape Institute www.landscapeinstitute.org

The site of the Royal Chartered body jobs, careers information and links.

The Royal Institute of British Architects www.riba.org

Extensive built environment portal with jobs, careers information and links via architecture.com.

Additional links: Fashion and Textiles

MMU Careers Information www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/students-and-graduates/resources/guides

See our list of Recruitment Agencies dedicated to clothing, fashion and textiles.

British Textile Technology Group www.bttg.co.uk

With links to education and commercial sites.

Catwalk Genius www.catwalkgenius.com

Offers the opportunity to showcase your fashion designs and signup for information.

Drapers www.drapersonline.com

The weekly magazine for the fashion industry and a site containing company profiles and job vacancies.

Embroiderer's Guild www.embroiderersguild.com

Information on the Embroiderer' Guild plus useful links.

Manchester Fashion Network www.manchesterfashion.com

For information, contacts and job information.