

Careers Information for Creatives

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A multiplicity of creative web sites relating to the creative industries exists. As a result, this handout attempts to feature those that will best meet your needs as you start your careers research, both in terms of sector news and developments and in terms of trends in practice areas and employment opportunities. Whilst providing overviews of the sector, they also provide extensive links to other useful sites.

Sites specifically relevant to individual areas of practice and performance can also be readily found in **Graduate Prospects** www.prospects.ac.uk/links/occupations where occupational profiles in the following sections will be of particular relevance: -

- Creative Arts and Design
- Media and Broadcasting
- Performing Arts
- Publishing and Journalism

Each profile comprises regularly updated information for graduates on: -

- typical job structures
- salaries and conditions
- entry requirements and training
- career development, including case studies

There is also an extensive section on **Employers and Vacancy Sources**, which features links to relevant professional bodies, employer directories, trade journals and recruitment consultancies specialising in that area of practice.

The Current Scene in the Creative Industries

Axis Web www.axisweb.org

Online resource for contemporary artists

The Arts Council www.artscouncil.org.uk

The national development agency for the arts.

The Crafts Council www.craftscouncil.org.uk

Support and training for makers, curators and crafts professionals.

Creative and Cultural Skills www.cciskills.org.uk

Includes extensive links to advertising, crafts, cultural, design, music and the performing, visual and literary sectors.

The Creative Review www.creativereview.co.uk

Online magazine for anyone working in visual communications

The Design Council www.designcouncil.org.uk

Promotes best use of design with links to other creative sites and online networks.

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

DCMS sets national policy and provides a range of information on the arts, broadcasting, digital, leisure and sport.

Performing Arts Network and Development Agency www.panda-arts.org.uk

Transition Tradition www.transitiontradition.com

Online arts magazine with links to events, competitions, work opportunities, resources and communities.

Your Creative Future www.yourcreativefuture.org.uk

Supported by The Design Council, interactive careers information site including case studies and additional links.

Careers in the Creative Industries

The University of the Creative Arts www.ucreative.ac.uk/careers

The University of the Arts in London www.arts.ac.uk/careers.htm

Both these sites contain detailed information on the many job options open to graduates within the creative industries, including: -

- sources of jobs, internships, and residencies
- making creative applications
- networking effectively
- starting out as a freelancer
- additional sources of information

Other sites offering extensive information to graduates are: -

Skillset www.skillset.org/careers

Artquest www.artquest.org.uk/

Creative Choices www.creative-choices.co.uk

Your Creative Future www.yourcreativefuture.org.uk

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