

WHERE TO START IN THE ARTS

If you are unsure about your future and wish to explore potential options, start by analysing the interests, skills and qualities you have to offer in relation to career choice.

There are a number of useful resources to help you and careers appointments are available on Friday mornings to discuss your ideas with a careers adviser. To book an appointment, [click here](#)

COMPUTER RESOURCES: Careers Computers, Somerset Place Library

CAREER PLANNING FOR ART & DESIGN GRADUATES (CD Rom)

(CDRom available from library reception desk) This program explores possible occupations in the arts based on your interests and strengths, and includes sections on self-employment and advice from arts graduates working in a variety of arts jobs.

PROSPECTS PLANNER, a graduate computer guidance package, to help explore your strengths and abilities against potential graduate career options. The program asks a series of questions and matches your responses to a database of 500 job profiles. It will allow you to compare occupations in detail, assess your chances of success, and help you to develop an action plan for CV's and applications.

BOOKS & FILES

GENERAL ARTS CAREER GUIDES

Careers in Art & Design	Careers for Creative & Unconventional People
Working in Arts Crafts & Design	What Colour is my Parachute?
Your Degree What Next: Fine Arts, Graphics	Build Your Own Rainbow

SPECIFIC OCCUPATIONAL CAREERS GUIDES

ANIMATION: Animation UK	ILLUSTRATION: Survive (AOI)
MEDIA: BFI Film & TV Handbook	Rights (AOI) * Images (Directory of Illustrators)
Benn's Media Directory	Writer's & Artists Yearbook illustration, design, photography
GRAPHIC DESIGN: Getting Jobs in Graphic Design *Careers by Design	PHOTOGRAPHY: Freelance Photographer's Market * Beyond the Lens (Assoc of Photog's)
Creative Handbook (Agency listings) Reed	Independent Photography Directory
MULTI-MEDIA: Careers in Multimedia (Zeff) USA	Design: Lanre Design Consultants
Multimedia Yearbook (Interactive Media)	Design Directory (Information Works)

CAREERS - OCCUPATIONAL SECTIONS

You can also use the careers **occupational sections** to gain more in-depth information. There are specialist subject files and books ranging from the visual arts, graphics and ceramics to media, theatre and community arts.

Web sites with information covering careers options:

Prospects www.prospects.ac.uk Occupational profiles, jobs, employers	Virtual Careers Advice www.careers.lon.ac.uk/links/index.htm
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OTHER USEFUL RESOURCES

ARTISTS' REGISTERS

Artists' registers keep a record of artists' work on a database/website/slide index for promotion to commissioners, buyers, exhibition organisers and curators. Most regional arts boards also keep registers.

AXIS www.axisartists.org.uk

Photostore T: 020 7806 2501

Artifact (Rep & N Ireland) **T:** 00353 16056800

Women's Art Magazine T: 020 7731 7618

Live Art Archive <http://art.ntu.ac.uk/liveart>

African & Asian Visual Artists Archive

T: 020 8223 3405

Panchayat T: 020 7739 2299

Welsh Crafts Council T: 01938 555313

MEMBERSHIP ORGANISATIONS

Association of Illustrators: 1-5 Beehive Place, London SW9 7QR T: 0207733 9155 www.theaoi.co.uk	62 Group of Textile Artists PO Box 24615 London E2 www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~abanks/
Association of Photographers 81 Leonard St, London EC2 T: 020 7739 6669 www.the-aop.co.uk	Contemporary Applied Arts 2 Percy Street, London W1 T: 020 7436 2344 www.caa.org.uk
Contemporary Crafts Network T: 01529 460 948	Royal Society of British Sculptors 108 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 T: 020 7373 5554 www.rbs.org.uk
Chartered Society of Designers Bermondsey Exchange, 179-181 Bermondsey Street, London SE1 T: 020 7357 8088 www.csd.org.uk	British Inst of Professional Photographers Fox Talbot Hse, Amwell End, WEare T: 01920 464011 www.bipp.com
British Ceramic Confederation Federation Hse, Station Road, Stoke-on-Trent T: 01782 744631 www.ceramfed.co.uk	Federation of British Artists 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1 T: 020 7930 6844 www.mallgalleries.org.uk
Craft Potters Association 25 Fouberts Place, London W1 T: 020 439 3377	Crafts Council 44a Pentonville Road, London N1 T: 020 7806 2501 www.craftscouncil.org.uk

OTHER SOURCES OF JOBS RELATED TO THE ARTS

Galleries, Museums	www.museumjobs.com
Festivals	www.artsfestivals.co.uk
Arts Administration	www.artsadmin.co.uk
Publishing	www.publishers.org.uk
Advertising	www.ipa.org.uk
Art Therapy	www.baat.org
Workshops/Community Arts/Public Art	www.arts.org.uk
Arts in Prisons	www.a4offenders.org.uk