

# Careers Sector: Visual Arts (including contemporary arts and photography)



## Sector & Career Overviews

- <http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/advice/job-profiles/any> - Over 200 job profiles from the creative and cultural sectors (Craft, Design, Heritage, Jewellery, Literature, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts)
- <http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/advice> - Creative and Cultural sectors (Craft, Design, Heritage, Jewellery, Literature, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts)
- <https://ccskills.org.uk/whats-new/news/new-labour-market-research-on-arts-culture-craft-and-design-sectors-launched-today> - Creative and Cultural sector labour market overview
- <http://www.craftscouncil.org.uk/> - Craft Council
- <http://www.artshub.co.uk/> - Arts Hub (news and community information about the creative arts)
- <https://static.a-n.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/3577079.pdf> – Signpost: Stepping out as a New Artist
- <https://www.artquest.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/PRIMER.pdf> – PRIMER by Artquest (Everything you wanted to know about being an artist)

## Jobs, Work Experience, Internships & Volunteering

Many opportunities within this sector may not be formally advertised, and instead arise from freelancing and commission based work. Building contacts, developing your network, and, in some cases, making speculative approaches will be essential. Connecting professionally with organisations and individuals through social media is also recommended as part of your strategy.

### Creative and Visual Arts Opportunities

- <http://creativeopportunities.arts.ac.uk/> - Creative Opportunities (run by University of Arts London advertising jobs, internships and some commissions)
- <http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/jobs> - Creative & Cultural Skills
- <http://www.artsjobs.org.uk/> - Arts Council Job
- <http://www.artsprofessional.co.uk/jobs> - Arts Jobs Finder
- <https://www.artrabbit.com/artist-opportunities> - Art Rabbit (open calls and exhibitions)
- <http://www.artshub.co.uk/jobs/> - Arts Hub (access to some jobs requires subscription)
- <http://www.voluntaryarts.org/> - Voluntary Arts
- <http://www.uca.ac.uk/careers-and-employability/job-vacancies/> - University of the Creative Arts Jobs Board
- <http://www.artsjobsonline.com/home/home.asp> - Arts Jobs Online
- <https://www.parkerharris.co.uk/artists/artist-opportunities/> - Parker Harris (lists artist opportunities)
- <http://www.a-n.co.uk/jobs> - The Artists Information Company (lists artist opportunities)
- <https://www.artquest.org.uk/opportunities/> - Art Quest (lists artist opportunities)
- <http://www.photoassist.co.uk/> - Photo Assist (photography assistant opportunities)
- <http://www.photographyjob.co.uk/> - Photography Jobs
- <http://dataware.the-aop.org/jobshop.aspx> - Association of Photographers opportunities
- <http://www.britishcouncil.org/arts/work> - British Council (Artists' International Development Fund)
- <https://londonprintworkstrust.wordpress.com/internships/> - London Print Works graduate internships
- <https://www.chrom-art.org/what-we-do/> - Chrom Art (connecting emerging arts to art lovers)
- <https://actionspace.org/volunteer/> - Action Space (for artists with learning difficulties) volunteer opportunities

- <http://www.artconnect.com/opportunities> - Art Connect (internships, residencies and open calls across Europe)
- <http://blog.re-title.com/opportunities/> - Re-title (International Contemporary Arts opportunities)
- <http://www.capacitylondon.co.uk/creative-industries-work-placements> - Capacity London (European paid work placements)
- <https://www.bristolcreatives.co.uk/jobs> - Bristol Creatives
- <http://www.creativebath.org/> - Creative Bath
- <http://www.spikeisland.org.uk/opportunities/> - Spike Island opportunities (Bristol)
- <https://www.arnolfini.org.uk/about/jobs> - Arnolfini Centre for Contemporary Arts (Bristol)
- <http://www.creativityworks.org.uk/get-involved/> - Creativity Works (Bath based opportunities for volunteering)
- <https://easelinitiative.com/learn/jobs-in-the-arts/> - Easel Initiative jobs in the arts (the Easel Initiative also runs a mentorship scheme, grant scheme and events)

## Competition Opportunities

- <https://www.creativebathawards.org/> - Creative Bath Awards
- <https://www.wellsartcontemporary.co.uk/the-wac-awards/> - Wells Arts Contemporary Awards
- <https://www.glyndebourne.com/about-us/art-at-glyndebourne/tour-art/> - Glyndebourne Tour Art Competition for emerging arts
- <https://www.worldphoto.org/sony-world-photography-awards> - Sony World Photography Awards (includes student category)
- <https://dbace.org/> - Deutsche Bank Awards for Creative Enterprise
- <https://www.dandad.org/en/d-ad-new-blood-awards/> - D&AD Design Awards (students & graduates)
- <http://sda.thersa.org/> - RSA Student Design Awards
- <https://www.royalwatercoloursociety.co.uk/competition/> - Royal Watercolour Society Watercolour Competition (for emerging artists)
- <https://www.pavilionbooks.com/batsford-prize/> - The Batsford Prize (for UK students of Applied Art, Fine Art, Fashion and Illustration)
- <https://www.cassart.co.uk/blog/+competitions> – Cass Art (lists artist competitions)
- <http://www.aestheticamagazine.com/art-prize/> - Aesthetica Magazine Emerging Art Prize (students and recent graduates)
- <https://www.creativeconscience.org.uk/awards/> - Creative Conscience Awards (for students and recent graduates of any creative discipline)

## Local Creative Networks

- <http://www.vasw.org.uk/> - Visual Arts South West
- <http://www.creativebath.org/> - Creative Bath
- <http://www.bristolcreatives.co.uk/> - Bristol Creatives
- <http://www.creativesomerset.com/> - Creative Somerset

## Studios and Co-working Hubs

South West:

- <https://www.theguildhub.co.uk/en> - The Guild, Bath
- <http://www.44ad.net/> - 44AD, Bath
- <http://bathartistsstudios.co.uk/> - Bath Artist Studios
- <http://www.spikeisland.org.uk/> - Spike Island, Bristol
- <https://www.watershed.co.uk/studio/> - Pervasive Media, Watershed, Bristol
- <http://redbrickhouse.org.uk/> - Redbrick House, Bristol
- <http://www.jamaicastreetartists.co.uk/studio.html> - Jamaica Street Artists, Bristol

- <http://www.evastudios.co.uk/> - Eva Studios, Exeter
- <https://www.newbreweryarts.org.uk/> - New Brewery Arts, Cirencester
- <http://www.poundarts.org.uk/pound/default.aspx> - Pound Arts, Wiltshire
- <http://www.bvstudios.co.uk/> - BV Studios, Bristol
- <https://inbristol.org/> - InBristol
- <https://theartistprojectspace.com/artist-studios> - The Artist Project Space, Bristol

London:

- <https://cockpitarts.com/> - Cockpit Arts
- <https://www.craftcentral.org.uk/> - Craft Central
- <https://www.meanwhilespace.com/> - Meanwhile Space

### Artist & Designer Residencies

- <http://www.artquest.org.uk/opportunities/> - Artquest (search by artist residency opportunities)
- <http://www.resartis.org/en/> - Resartis
- <http://www.transartists.org/> - Transartists
- <http://ratemyartistresidency.com/> -Rate my Artist Residency
- <https://www.a-n.co.uk/jobs/> - Artists Network
- <http://www.artistcommunities.org/> - Alliance for Artist Communities (tips for artists and designers and database of opportunities)
- <http://www.vam.ac.uk/page/m/museum-residency-programme/> - V&A Museum Residency
- <http://www.southlondongallery.org/> - South London Gallery Graduate Artist Residency (for postgraduates)

## Industry Associations

- <http://www.nsead.org/home/index.aspx> - National Society for Education in Art & Design (professional association and independent trade union for those working in the education sector)
- <http://www.baat.org/> - British Association of Arts Therapists
- <http://www.engage.org/> - Engage (professional body and membership organisation representing gallery and visual art education professionals in the UK and overseas)
- <https://www.ica.org.uk/> - Institute of Contemporary Arts
- <http://printmakerscouncil.com/> - Print Makers Council
- <http://www.the-aop.org/> - Association of Photographers
- <http://www.bipp.com/> - British Institute of Professional Photography (BIPP)
- <http://www.artswales.org.uk/> - Arts Council for Wales
- <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/> - Arts Council for England
- <http://www.creativescotland.com/> - Arts Council for Scotland
- <http://www.artscouncil-ni.org/> - Arts Council for Northern Ireland
- <http://www.artsfestivals.co.uk/> - Arts Festival Association (supports and promotes arts festivals in the UK)
- <http://heritagecrafts.org.uk/> - Heritage Crafts Association (for traditional heritage crafts)
- <http://www.caa.org.uk/information/about-caa/> - Contemporary Applied Arts (membership organisation)
- <https://www.dacs.org.uk/about-us/what-is-dacs> - DACS (not-for-profit visual artists' rights management organisation)