Careers Sector: Visual Communications & Product Design



Sector & Career Overviews

- http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/advice/job-profiles/any Over 200 job profiles from the creative and cultural sectors (Craft & Design).
- http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/advice Creative and Cultural sectors (Craft & Design).
 www.prospects.ac.uk/creative_arts_design_sector_overview.htm Overview of the creative arts sector in the UK.
- https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/graphic-design -Prospects Options with Graphic Design
- https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/product-design Prospects Options with Product Design
- https://www.fifteendesign.co.uk/infographics/salary-and-progression/ Fifteen Design Infographics about working in graphic communication
- http://www.craftscouncil.org.uk/ Craft Council
- http://idealcandidate.represent.uk.com/home 'Represent' (design recruiters) advice from industry to emerging designs 'what makes the ideal candidate'
- http://represent.uk.com/files/SS RESULTS WEB 2018.pdf 'Represent' (design recruiters)
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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.

- http://creativeopportunities.arts.ac.uk/ Creative Opportunities (run by University of Arts London advertising jobs, internships and some commissions)
- http://creativepool.com/jobs/ Creative Pool
- http://jobs.designweek.co.uk/ Design Week
- http://www.artshub.co.uk/jobs/ Arts Hub (access to some jobs requires subscription)
- http://www.creativereview.co.uk/jobs Creative Review
- http://www.uca.ac.uk/careers-and-employability/job-vacancies/ University of the Creative Arts Jobs Board
- https://www.dezeenjobs.com/ Dezeen Jobs (industrial design, interior design and architecture)
- http://www.krop.com/ Krop (visual and graphic design)
- http://www.designjobsboard.com/ Design Jobs Board
- https://www.careersindesign.com/design-jobs/ Careers in Design (recruitment agency)
- http://www.designdirectory.co.uk/ Design Directory (to locate small design companies)
- http://www.thebrightagency.com/ Specialist agency representing children's illustrators
- http://studio-index.co/ Studio Index lists graphic design agencies worldwide to explore for opportunities
- https://the-dots.com/jobs/search The Dots (creative industry jobs)
- https://www.campaignlive.co.uk/jobs/ Campaign Jobs (design)

- https://www.creativerecruitment.co.uk/ Creative Recruitment
- https://www.dexigner.com/directory/ Dexigner (international design directory)
- https://www.dba-community.org.uk/s/searchdirectory?id=a251t000000dmlB Design Business Association (member directory of design agencies to explore for opportunities)

Competition Opportunities

- https://www.creativebathawards.org/ Creative Bath Awards (including categories for design)
- https://www.swddsawards.co.uk/ South West Design & Digital Student Awards
- https://theaoi.com/awards/ Association of Illustration Awards
- https://www.penguinrandomhouse.co.uk/work-with-us/design-award/ Student Design Award
- https://www.dbace.uk.com/ Deutsche Bank Awards for Creative Enterprise (for students or recent graduates who want creative business support)
- 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.pavilionbooks.com/batsford-prize/ The Batsford Prize (for UK students of Illustration)
- https://www.creativeconscience.org.uk/awards/ Creative Conscience Awards (for students and recent graduates of any creative discipline)
- https://www.vam.ac.uk/info/va-illustration-awards V&A Illustration Awards (including student category)
- https://www.futoncompany.co.uk/design-awards.html Futon Company Furniture Design Awards (students and recent graduates)
- https://www.red-dot.org/about-red-dot/red-dot-award/ Red Dot Award (product design and brand communication)
- https://www.dexigner.com/design-competitions Dexigner (directory of international design competitions)
- https://www.creative-conscience.org.uk/awards/ Creative Conscience Awards

Local Creative Networks

The following networks advertise local opportunities, run networking events and provide access to a directory list of local business members;

- http://www.creativebath.org/ Creative Bath
- http://www.bristolcreatives.co.uk/ Bristol Creatives
- http://www.creativesomerset.com/ Creative Somerset

Industry Associations

- http://www.csd.org.uk Chartered Society of Designers (representing designers across a range of design disciplines, including graphic design, photography, product design)
- http://www.theaoi.com/ Association of Illustrators
- http://www.britishindustrialdesign.org.uk/ British Industrial Design Association
- https://www.dba.org.uk/ Design Business Association (representing a range of design businesses including graphic, product and brand design)