

CREATIVE ARTS

Overview

The creative sector employs over 2 million people in the UK ([DCMS, 2018](#)), and is predicted to grow further ([Bazalgette Review, 2017](#)). Opportunities range from work in design to performance, from visual art to music, from fashion to theatre.

If you're planning on a career which uses your creative or performance skills, then you'll probably need to [put together a portfolio](#) to provide a collection of examples of your work. You will still need a CV, and this too can be an opportunity to show your creative skills – search for [Creative CV guide](#) ([nottingham.ac.uk](#)) for more information.

Like every sector the creative industries require a range of roles, and there are opportunities as a result for graduates from a range of degree backgrounds to fulfil roles in arts management, project management and arts administration, among others. For these roles it's worth focusing on the job description, and using a more straightforward style of CV.

Key resources

[Prospects.ac.uk job profiles in the creative arts:](#)

- 22 featured job profiles including actor, broadcast presenter, graphic designer, musician, photographer and theatre director.
- 12 additional job profiles for related roles including arts administrator, fine artist, music therapist and production designer for TV and film.
- Each job profile contains impartial and well-researched advice on entering the particular profession, including salaries, qualifications required and recommended resources for finding work experience, jobs and opportunities.

The resources below cover a wide range of creative industries however you should supplement them by identifying some specific resources for your creative area of interest using the Prospects links above.

- [Artsjobs.org.uk](#) – vacancies and opportunities listed on this website hosted by the Arts Council England, searchable by 12 different artistic areas (such as craft, dance, film etc.). Opportunities include jobs, internships, and funding. Equivalents for the wider UK regions can be found at [Arts.wales/news-jobs-opportunities](#), [ArtsCouncil-ni.org/news/job-opportunities](#) and [opportunities.creativescotland.com](#).
- [Artsprofessional.co.uk/jobs](#) – sector news and jobs board (particularly good for arts management and administration opportunities).
- [Artshub.co.uk](#) – the job board is only accessible to those with a subscription, however the 'opportunities' board is open access, and has useful opportunities for artists and performers.
- [Artsjobsonline.com](#) – broad job board, a little more of a focus on arts management and administration.
- [Creativeopportunities.arts.ac.uk](#) – job, internship and opportunity board hosted by University of the Arts London, but open to all. Useful filters by degree area, and for jobs/internships.
- [Creativepool.com/jobs](#) – website for design and media jobs across a range of areas.
- [Creativeaccess.org.uk](#) – great, paid, internships in the creative industries open to those from black and minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds or lower socio-economic status (SES).
- [Screenskills.com](#) – fantastically useful website for anyone interested in working in film, TV or video games, an industry-led skills body it seeks to ensure that these growing industries have the talent they need. The careers sections are a must-read.
- [jobs.designweek.co.uk](#) – job board which covers a range of design roles, including graphic design, digital/web, product design and exhibition design.
- [Ifyoucouldjobs.com](#) – listing creative roles (mainly in advertising and communications agencies).

