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November Careers Newsletter 2023

Welcome to the next edition of the Careers Newsletter, this month we will look at various careers in the Creative Careers Sector.

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This Month's newsletter will focus on jobs in the Creative Career Sector

Let's explore the world of Creative Careers and how you can build a Career in this field.

If you're ready to start your career in the creative industries, there are many creative jobs available for those with artistic talent, a flair for design or a desire to perform.



CREATIVE DESIGNER

A creative designer produces artwork and design concepts that can take on many different forms. For example, you might create visuals, brainstorm concepts, work with team members to develop concepts, and ensure that the final product is aligned with the company or client standards. Many creative designers work in the marketing and advertising industry and often create brand assets, such as:

- Printed brochures
- Online banners
- Social media ads
- Product packaging
- Brand identity assets

In these roles, you would often collaborate with colleagues, clients, or a marketing team to generate artistic elements.

What education level is required to become a creative designer?

For most entry-level design jobs, you may need a **Bachelor's Degree** in a design-related field like graphic design, visual design, or multimedia design, although it isn't required. Having a degree not only helps you build foundational design skills, but it also gives you an opportunity to start a portfolio to show potential employers.

Actor

The role of an actor is typically to present a character or situations to an audience through speech, body language and movement.

The work varies enormously, and it can range from live stage performances, TV soap operas and film parts to radio work and television advertising. The job may also involve education, training or therapy.

A degree isn't essential, however, studying Media, Performing or Visual arts will help. Few actors land jobs with no prior training - most hone their craft over a number of years.

To be successful, you'll require the ability to interpret and analyse roles, the confidence to network and follow up contacts, the ability to take instruction and criticism as well as showing resilience and determination.

You may attend a local acting school which can give you opportunities to be in performances or TV roles.

Dancer

Alternative titles for this job include Dance artist, dance performer. Dancers use movement to perform for live audiences or in recorded performances.

You can get into this job through:

A university course, a college course, applying directly, or a specialist course.

You'll usually need a degree or diploma in professional dance or musical theatre.

These take 2 to 3 years to complete and are offered by dance schools, performing arts schools and universities.

Academic qualifications may not be essential if you show enough talent at the audition.



Animator

Whether your animation work is in 2D or 3D, hand-drawn or computer generated, you'll need a high level of artistic ability and knowledge of technical software packages.

This is a career suitable for those with a good eye for detail, storytelling skills, and the ability to work with others and take direction. You'll need to be able to commit to what you're doing, while also being flexible enough to switch between several ongoing projects.

To find a job or work experience you'll need to put together a showreel (or video portfolio) demonstrating examples of your animation work. It's acceptable practice to send this to employers speculatively, but it's better to target specific projects you're interested in.

You can get into this job through:

A university course, a college course, an apprenticeship working towards this role and specialist training courses.

You'll usually need: 1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma

Although this area of work is open to all graduates, the following degree or foundation degree subjects are particularly relevant:

- animation
- art and design
- computer-aided engineering
- design for moving image
- electrical engineering
- film and video
- graphic design or illustration
- model making or sculpture
- multimedia

Web designer

A web designer is a professional with software programming skills that enable them to design, create and improve websites. They focus on making websites easy to understand, use and navigate, to improve user experience. Web designers establish design standards and guidelines, work with content management systems, incorporate website features and functionality and add visual imagery to web pages. They may also communicate their design ideas using sample pages, process flows, user flows, wireframes and sitemaps.

You could take a higher national diploma or degree in: Web Design and development and multimedia design.

Also in digital media development and interactive computing.

Photographer

Primary duties:

A photographer is a professional who captures images and videos using cameras and other equipment at events, in the studio or at a client's desired location. They may set up lights and props in the studio to prepare them for use and edit photographs after the photoshoot. A photographer may require proficiency in photo-editing software to improve their work. They may also benefit from having knowledge of different photoshoot locations.

You can get into this job through:

- a university course
- a college course
- an apprenticeship
- 1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree

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Awakening minds



Achieving dreams



Serving others

Musician

Alternative titles for this job include Classical musician, pop musician, instrumentalist, composer

Musicians create or perform different types of music, from classical to pop and rock.

You can get into this job through a university course,

A college course, applying directly

Specialist courses run by private training organisations.

- You could take a college course to get professional training and the opportunity to perform. Subjects available include:
- Level 2 Award for Music Practitioners, Level 2 Diploma in Music for Practical Performance, Level 3 Diploma in Music Technology.

You'll usually need:

2 or 3 A levels including music, or equivalent qualifications
grade 8 in your main instrument

to pass an audition

a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study

You could study for a degree or postgraduate award in:

classical music
music composition
music performance
popular music
popular and commercial music

Musician Direct Application

You may be lucky and get talent spotted. You could increase your chances by showcasing your music on:

Networking websites, social media and music blogs.

You could send demo recordings to recording companies. The [Musicians' Union](#) has more details on how to promote yourself.

Song Writer

There are no real requirements for entering the field of songwriting. All songwriters, however, will benefit from musical experience.

You could study for a degree or postgraduate award in:

Classical music

Music composition

Music performance

Training, including musical theory and musical notation. Learning to play one or more instruments would be an advantage.



Useful website

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk>

As part of the Creative Careers week, we have been able to reward some of our year 9 and 10 students with an Emmerdale storyline workshop at ITV studios. Students enjoyed creating their own storylines for Emmerdale actors Victoria, Jacob and Leyla, and looking around the set. They then got to meet the stars!



All gathered round the kitchen in Home Farm.



Inside Home Farm sitting room.



In the Control Room and outside the ITV studios



Meeting the Stars

