

# Alternative Sources of Careers Advice and Guidance

## General careers advice and guidance:

### Connexions

The Government's Connexions scheme provides free careers advice to 13-19 year olds (and up to 25 if you have learning difficulties/disabilities). To find your local service visit [www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com) or phone the free Connexions Direct helpline on 080 800 13219.

### Nextstep Partnerships

Nextstep promotes learning and work to all adults aged 20 and over, and will give advice on career prospects and gaining qualifications. To locate your nearest Nextstep service visit <http://nextstep.direct.gov.uk>

### Learndirect

A free service giving advice on courses and careers. Freephone 0800 100 901 for further information and to locate the nearest Learndirect centre to you. See their website [www.learndirect.co.uk](http://www.learndirect.co.uk) for job profiles and information on courses.

### Skill: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities

Skill is a national charity promoting opportunities for young people and adults with any kind of disability in post-16 education, training and employment across the UK. Voice/text: 0800 328 5050 Fax: 020 7450 0650 email [skill@skill.org.uk](mailto:skill@skill.org.uk)  
[www.skill.org.uk](http://www.skill.org.uk)

### Graduate Prospects

An interactive career development service for all EU graduates within 5 years of leaving university. Services include professional careers advice from a team of consultants either online or over the phone, online CV and application form checks, skills and personality assessments, and aptitude tests. See [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk) for further details, including job and sector profiles and information on postgraduate study.

### C2 - Careers Advice for Graduate Professionals

This is a fee paying service at The Careers Group, University of London. Services include: group tutoring sessions, personal consultations, advice and CV surgery, psychometrics, and access to the largest careers information resource centre in London. Tel: 020 7863 6060 Email: [careershop@careers.lon.ac.uk](mailto:careershop@careers.lon.ac.uk) [www.c2careers.com](http://www.c2careers.com)

## **For creative careers advice and guidance:**

### **Artquest**

Advice and information service to London's visual arts professionals and craftspeople at all stages of their careers. It is primarily a web resource, but practitioners can contact with a query via the Ask us a Question form. Please note: they do not offer services to students.

**[www.artquest.org.uk](http://www.artquest.org.uk)**

### **Skillset Careers**

Skillset offers professional careers advice for the media industries. They can help if you are unsure of how to break into media or are not progressing in the sector as quickly as you like. For free phone or email advice contact 08080 300 900 or [advisor@skillset.org](mailto:advisor@skillset.org)

**[www.skillset.org](http://www.skillset.org)**

### **CreativeCapital**

CreativeCapital helps London based artists and people working in the creative and cultural industries source the latest information on continuing professional development. Telephone: 020 7375 2973 Email: [info@creative-capital.org.uk](mailto:info@creative-capital.org.uk)

**[www.creative-capital.org.uk](http://www.creative-capital.org.uk)**

## **Specialist London libraries:**

There are many useful libraries and resource centres in London, containing general business information or having collections related to the creative industries. For example:

### **City Business Library**

This is one of the leading free business information sources in the country. Its collections include market research reports, UK Annual Reports, trade and business directories from over 150 industries and professions, (including many from the creative industries), and books on business start-up, marketing and self employment.

**[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/citybusinesslibrary](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/citybusinesslibrary)**

### **Crafts Council Library**

The Research Library offers a free enquiry service open to all researchers and the general public. Areas covered include: contact details for makers, sources for business and funding information, workshop spaces to rent, crafts fairs and outlets and short courses information.

**[www.craftscouncil.org.uk](http://www.craftscouncil.org.uk)**