

CREATIVE CAREER STEPS

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Employability and Careers

- An essential aspect of your studies
- Development of personal and professional skills
- In curriculum and extra curriculum activities
- Future planning and enhancing student experience
- Broadening horizons

Careers Service at UWTSD

- Part of UWTSD Student Services teams
- One to one service, group work and events
- Assistance in gaining work experience, placements, making applications for jobs and opportunities
- Centered around individual needs of students

Assessing Options and Needs

- What are your priorities?
- How do your studies relate to future ideas and plans?
- Which skills would you be interested to use in the workplace?
- What research needs to be done?
- What are the next steps?

Career Options and Labour Market

- Explore labour market needs linked to your studies
- Explore a range of options not directly related to course, and identify transferrable skills
- Broaden horizons, for example work opportunities abroad during the university vacations and internships
- Range of resources on our web site and signposting to external student resources
- Information directly related to your creative interests
- www.uwtsd.ac.uk/careers
- Prospects.ac.uk

Work experience and Internships

- Work experience, placements, internships or voluntary work can give you the edge in getting the job you want when you graduate
- Paid and unpaid options
- Bursary can be available from UWTSD through Career Development Fund
- Careers Service has a designated member of staff to support in setting up a work experience placement

Applying for Jobs, Training, Opportunities and Work Experience

- Identify methods of application
- Identifying relevant skills
- How to contacting employers
- CV's, applications, portfolio
- Networking
- Confidence in interviews and presentations

Presenting Professional Applications

- Creating a professional summary of why you stand out and key skills you have to offer
- Personal Statement for jobs and postgraduate courses
- Adaptation to specific job needs
- Practice in making speculative applications to find out more about options of interest

Evidence

- Demonstrating evidence of employability through
- Your course
- Interests developed while at university
- Social and communication skills
- Work experience and volunteer work
- Additional training and extra curricula activities

Creativity and Employability

- Is it important for you to be in a creative job linked directly to your course subject?
- What does creativity mean to you?
- Are you interested in creative employment outside your core discipline?
- What general skills would you use as an aspect of being creative at work?

Creative Skills examples

- Imagination and developing ideas
- Using your intuition to devise and develop strategies and plans
- Communicating and presenting in diverse ways
- Problem solving
- Flexibility and adapting
- Multi tasking or combining work tasks

Creative roles can be found in all work sectors

- Arts, Heritage and Culture
- Design, Marketing, Advertising
- Media, Film and TV
- Public Sector, e.g Education or Health
- Business and management
- Third Sector/Charities
- Freelance and self employment

What are your key Action Points?

Discuss and write down your Career Action Plan for the next 3 months

- Identify Priorities
- Specific goals and outcomes
- Record results and next steps

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