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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES



DISCOVER! Creative Careers Month is happening in November. Employers & creatives sharing careers, programmes, resources and inspirational stories with the next generation. 150+ speakers inspiring young people to discover and explore creative careers. Check out the agenda and sign up to as many free talks as you wish!

 The Into Film Festival 2025 takes place between 7-28 November, and will feature thousands of free screenings and special events right across the UK.



Check out this video of Jim Parkyn, a Model Maker at Aardman Studios, talking about his profession and how people can follow in his footsteps.



UK Youth have teamed up with actor and writer Ben Bailey Smith to launch a new film highlighting the damaging impact of cuts to youth services in the face of the cost of living crisis. Watch here.

 Step inside the world of contemporary craft with Cockpit, home to some of the most exciting makers in the world. This session on the 17th November (14:00-15:00) will explore the many creative career paths in craft and design, and how Cockpit supports maker. Register here.

 In this Subject Spotlight, Dr. Suzy O'Hara, Lecturer in Digital Arts and Enterprise at the University of Sunderland, takes you on a journey through the history, impact, and future of fine art—showing how artists shape society, technology, and even crisis response.

 "You'll find out why we're 1st in Computing for Teaching (The Guardian University Guide 2025) when you join our free Insights Session on the 8th November (11:00-12:00) to discover all you need to know about studying Computing at Buckingham."

JOB OF THE WEEK



Model Maker

Model makers build the digital or physical versions of everything that is seen on screen in an animation. They translate concept art, character designs and environment designs into models ready to be animated. A degree in animation, computer graphics, fine art, or an equivalent subject is preferred by employers, but not essential.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

"Nearly half (47%) of young people had taken some kind of social action in the last 12 months. The most popular social action was helping to improve the local area (24%), followed by organising or signing petitions (22%) and campaigning or raising awareness (9%)."

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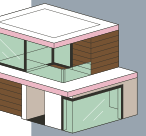
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If you're interested in a career related to sustainability, but you're not sure how to get there, you'll be pleased to hear there are lots of routes to the perfect green role. [Read here.](#)



Pearl Ayem is a physical climate scientist and Senior Risk Modeller at Sillion, transforming climate data into real-world impact. Born in India and raised in Canada, her love for nature led her to atmospheric science, where she models climate risks for businesses. [Meet Pearl here.](#)



Lay the foundations for your understanding of architecture, explore diverse careers, and delve into the industry through engaging workplace projects. [This programme](#) unveils the dynamic realm of architecture—from urban planning and green architecture to restoration and the integration of technology.



This virtual [work experience programme](#) will introduce you to some of the most exciting careers in the renewable energy sector, with none other than the global leader on climate action - Ørsted.



With opportunity highlights, actionable career tips and stories from the frontlines, the [Green Jobs Pod](#) must-listen for people who care about using their career to make a difference.



Check out [this on-demand webinar](#) about studying Global Sustainable Development at university - including what to expect, reasons to consider it, application tips and careers. Featuring the University of Sheffield.



Ready to kickstart your career and Join the Superpowered? At National Grid, our Apprentice programmes are designed to energise your future. Whether you're passionate about engineering, technology, or business, this is your chance to gain hands on experience in a dynamic, future-focused environment that keeps the country running. Start your application [here.](#)

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"The UK is leading the way in the transition to cleaner energy, and at Arup, environmental-led design is at the heart of that progress.

By embedding sustainability into infrastructure from the very start, Arup is shaping projects that balance energy needs with environmental responsibility."

Read more [here.](#)

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"From our leading facilities to the strength of our industry connections, everything we do is designed to help our students thrive. [At Hartpury](#), we combine outstanding facilities, expert teaching, and a supportive community. You'll benefit from hands-on learning in industry-leading environments. Our dedicated staff and inclusive culture ensure you'll receive the support you need to succeed."