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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter aims to support you when thinking about your future and provide you with access to resources that will help you to learn more about different industries and pathways. Please use the links included to read more information. Links are underlined.

SOMETHING TO...

DO

The Big Work Experience Challenge runs from January to April and gives you the chance to explore real work experience, build skills, and take steps towards your future.

LISTEN TO

Welcome to the Not Going To Uni podcast. We have lots of conversations with people who took an alternative start to their career. Listen here.

READ

Eric's Library of Creative Careers talks is now live! It provides hundreds of creative career talks for. Here are some you may find interesting...

WATCH

Apprenticeships on Trial: Join the ERIC team as they break down some commonly believed myths about apprenticeships - getting to the truth of what they're all about.

SPOTLIGHT ON A...

UNIVERSITY

"We're here to support you—whatever your needs—so you can thrive during your time at Arts University Bournemouth.

Our Disability and Neurodiversity Advisers offer practical guidance and tailored support for students with:

- Specific learning difficulties (e.g. dyslexia)
- Autism, ADHD, or other neurodivergent conditions
- Long-term physical or mental health conditions"

Find out more here.

EMPLOYER

"At Warner Music UK and Warner Music International, building a fair, equitable and diverse workforce is a priority. We always recruit the highest quality candidates selected from as diverse a pool as possible and, when they join us, we maintain an equitable approach to their career trajectory in our organisation.
We are making positive progress in the diversification of our business through the implementation of a number of targeted initiatives."
Learn more here.

If you see a word you don't understand, you can use this jargon buster to search and find out what it means. If you can't find the word on there, you can use the internet to research the meaning or speak to a teacher.

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Self Employment
Self-employment is when you work for yourself as a freelancer, contractor, or business owner rather than for an employer. This means you take full responsibility for the business's success, risks, and tax payments.

A FACT ABOUT EMPLOYMENT

There were an estimated 2.4m creative industry jobs in the UK between April 2024 and March 2025, according to data published by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

Around 30% of creative industry jobs are self-employment.

Source

SUCCESS STORIES

After the birth of her son, Gurpreet experienced a loss of vision.

This led her to believe she wouldn't be able to continue in paid employment and left her feeling inadequate.

Gurpreet was introduced to the specialist support team at RNIB where she accessed practical help with Braille and cane training.

Gurpreet has now successfully started a job as a fragrance tester. In this new role her heightened sense of smell is an advantage, and her visual impairment is not a barrier.

Read more about Gurpreet's story here

OPPORTUNITY'S CALLING...

Step into the world of Penguin and publishing, where ideas become products, creativity meets strategy, and teams bring stories to life.

Your Future, Edited - start here.

If you feel ready to speak about your future and have any questions or need support to plan your next steps, please contact Michelle.Bradnam@ta.weareauthentic.education.