

# Routes into Art and Design

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This leaflet covers local education and training up to level 3 and some information on higher level training and education.

Jobs in this sector include art therapist, fashion designer, fine artist, graphic designer, illustrator, photographer and textile designer.

It is difficult to say exactly how many people work in art and design as many people are freelance, self employed, on short-contracts or are volunteers. Many people working in this sector will have been to university although there are many jobs where your talent is more important than the qualifications you have.

## Headline news

In 2014, 27.2% of graduates from fine arts degree went into part-time work - this is more than from any other subject

Around 30% of creative industries are located in London and the South East

Around half of all people in creative industries are self-employed, and many have additional paid jobs

Many creative workers earn less than £10,000 a year from their work

The majority of employers are small businesses

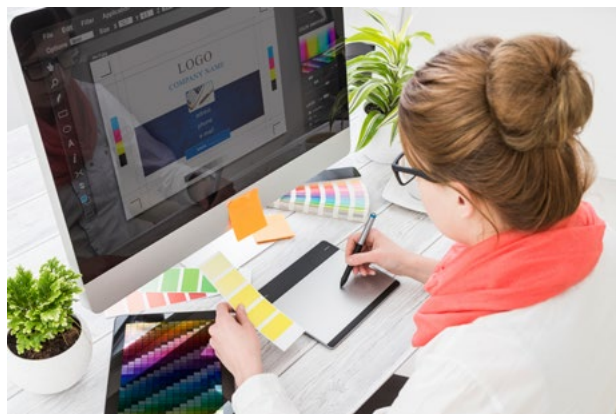
Design is the UK's fastest growing creative sector and is worth 3.2 billion a year to the country's economy according to government figures

ICT and digital skills are becoming increasingly important

According to the Annual Population Survey, around 43,000 people worked in art, design and digital media in Yorkshire and the Humber in 2013

### Levels 2 and 3

- Blacksmith
- Dressmaker
- Florist
- Glass engraver
- Make-up artist
- Photographic technician
- Prop maker
- Sewing machinist
- Tailor
- Tattooist
- Visual merchandiser



### Level 4

- Animator
- Architect
- Arts administrator
- Art editor
- Art gallery curator
- Art therapist
- Fashion designer
- Fine artist
- Graphic designer
- Illustrator
- Interior designer
- Product designer
- Web designer

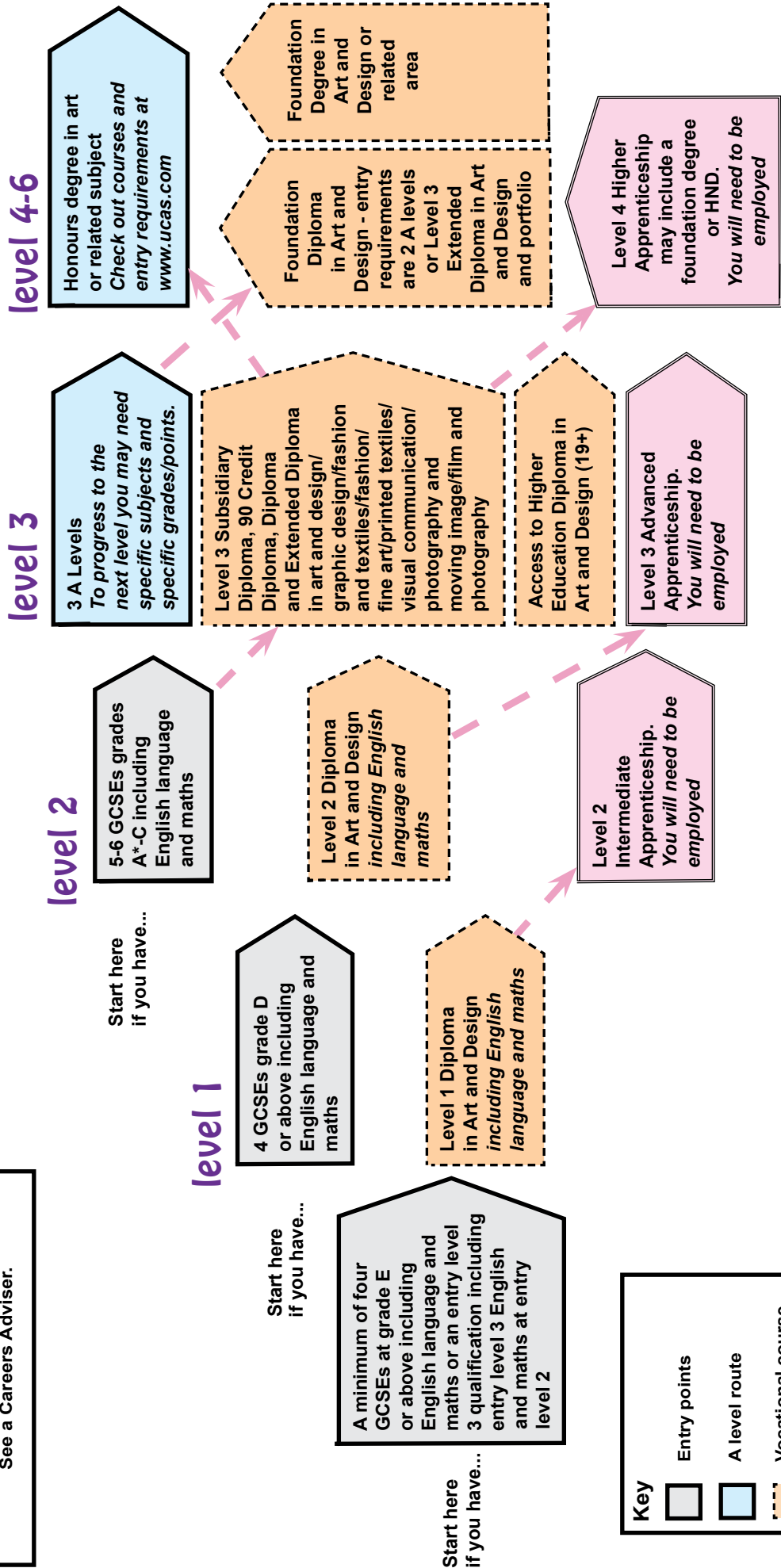
## To work in this sector it would be useful to have the following skills and qualities

- creativity
- a good appreciation of colour and shape
- a willingness to work alone
- business skills
- communication skills
- ability to meet deadlines and work within a budget
- good attention to detail
- an ability to find practical solutions to problems
- an understanding of current trends and styles

*It is very difficult to find work in the sector without relevant training and qualifications.*

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**This chart is a guide only.**  
Routes and entry requirements may vary. You may need an interview or to sit a test. It is a good idea to check that these routes are available. Other routes or qualifications may be open to you. See a Careers Adviser.



**Key**

- Entry points
- A level route
- Vocational course route
- Apprenticeship route

Few apprenticeship opportunities exist in art and design. Those that do arise tend to be in graphic design, designing for digital media, creative media, creative media and desktop publishing.

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## What next...?

### If you are interested in a full-time course...

- Local schools and colleges offer A levels and vocational courses in art and design.
- Details of all full-time courses are on **www.ucasprogress.com**. Once you have found which schools, colleges and training organisations offer the courses you want to do, go to their websites or request their prospectuses.
- You could also attend school and college open days and evenings, visit **www.ckcareersonline.org.uk** click on 'young people' and 'Options after Year 11' for details.

### How to apply

- Contact the specific school or college for information.
- To apply to a training organisation see your careers adviser.
- If you attend a school in Kirklees you can apply using **www.ucasprogress.com**. Ask about this in school.
- Make sure you check application deadlines.

### If you are interested in an apprenticeship...

- An apprenticeship is a job with training leading to qualifications at levels 2, 3 and 4. They are available in a wide range of careers and industries and by completing an apprenticeship you will gain the skills and qualifications employers need.

### How to apply

- Register for vacancies on **www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship**.
- Search for apprenticeship vacancies in the 'Vacancies' section of **www.ckcareersonline.org.uk**.
- Try to find an employer to take you on. Look for local companies using **www.yell.com**. Create a good CV and a letter of application to ask about vacancies. Send out as many letters as you can. If you find an employer you, or your employer, will need to contact a training provider - their details are on **www.ucasprogress.com**.
- Some training organisations will have a list of employers looking for apprentices so it may be worth contacting them to ask if they have any apprenticeship vacancies.
- **Traineeships** are for young people who would like a job or apprenticeship but need help to get the knowledge, skills and experience employers are looking for. A traineeship is an education and training programme with work experience and usually lasts from 8 weeks to six months. For traineeship vacancies look at **www.gov.uk/find-traineeship**.

### If you are interested in part-time and short courses...

- For any part-time and short courses there may be, contact C&K Careers on 01484 225500 and ask for Infoline.
- Short, introductory and part-time courses aimed at over 19s may be offered by colleges.
- **www.kirkleesclik.org.uk** is a database of part-time and short courses at level 2 and below in Kirklees. Go to the 'What you want to learn' drop down list and click on 'Arts and craft'.

## Further information

### Information about careers in art and design

- **http://creativeskillset.org** - Creative Skillset is the industry skills body for creative industries. On this website you will find information about different careers related to art and design.
- **https://ccskills.org.uk/careers/advice** - information about different careers related to art and design
- **https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk** - click on 'Career tools' and then 'Job Profiles'.

## Information about funding courses

- For learners aged 16-19 tuition (teaching) is free.
- Some students may be entitled to a bursary from the 16-19 Bursary Fund, see [www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund](http://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund).
- Funding for adults is more complicated and you should ask the college about tuition fees or learning costs before you apply. A 24+ Advanced Learning Loan is available to those aged 24+ beginning a course leading to a level 3 or 4 qualification, for more information see [www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans](http://www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans). 24+ Advanced Learning Loans are to be expanded in 2016/17. They will be known as Advanced Learner Loans and will be available to those aged 19 and above and for study at level 3 to level 6. This will not affect the entitlement to full funding for the first full level 3 qualification for those aged 19-23. Advanced Learner Loans are available for applications from May 2016 for courses starting on or after 1 August 2016.
- Finance for higher education see [www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance).

## Information about different qualifications

- AS and A levels are academic qualifications. A levels are offered in a range of 'traditional' subjects such as maths, biology, physics and French. Normally, you would take 3 or 4 A levels. A levels involve exams at the end of the course.
- BTECs, City & Guilds, Cambridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals are vocational qualifications. Subjects available include broad vocational areas such as, art and design, health and social care, music and sport and exercise science or subjects linked to a specific job such as horse management, play work and sound engineering. They are coursework based and assessed throughout the course – you do not have to sit exams at the end.
- NVQs/VQs are related to a specific job such as motor vehicle work, hairdressing or plumbing and are usually taken as part of an apprenticeship. They involve practical work which will be assessed, as well as course work.
- Access to HE Diplomas are aimed at adults aged 19+ who wish to take a university level course but have not achieved the qualifications needed.

## Careers advice

- **16-18?** Drop in during opening times to see an adviser or ring for an appointment.
- **In school or college?** Please arrange to see your careers adviser.

[www.ckcareersonline.org.uk](http://www.ckcareersonline.org.uk)

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