

Upstart Festival: Careers in Fashion

11.00-17.00, Saturday 5 November

Learn how to sustain a happy, healthy career in the world of fashion.

All events are free.

Drop-in Sessions

11.00-17.00

V&A Textiles Conservation Mending Café

John Lyons Gallery, Level 0

Try out specialist mending techniques, used to preserve the world's largest collection of dress with the V&A Textiles Conservation team.

Demo: Ropemaking with hair

Lunchroom 1, Level 0

Transform human hair and discarded clothes into ropes for textile projects with designer Sanne Visser. Demos will take place every half an hour.

Pose XR

Lunchroom 1, Level 0

Learn about virtual production and come direct your own fashion shoot in this digital experience created by Fashion Innovation Agency and dandelion + burdock. Featuring a series of volumetric videos, this virtual experience can be controlled to create almost infinite possibilities.

Fashion Marketplace

Art Studio, Learning Centre Level 0

Drop in all day to find out your next steps in. Industry insiders offer advice about how to get started, discuss opportunities and signpost you to resources. Check out our interactive advice wall.

Prebooked Sessions

Sign up for these sessions on the day in the Learning Centre foyer

Workshop: Make Your Own Bio-Material Embellishments

Digital Studio, Level 0

Create your own recipes for biomaterial embellishments to take home with Materials Designer Cassie Quinn.

Workshops are 45 minutes and will take place at 11:00-11:45, 12:15-13:00, 13:45-14:30, 15:00-15:45 and 16:15-17:00

Workshop: Adire Dying with Natural Indigo

Design Studio, Level 0

Create Adire samples and explore natural indigo dying with Fashion Designer Abiola Onabulé and Textile Designer, Researcher and founder of Indigo Works, Liza Mackenzie

Workshops are 45 minutes and will take place at 11:30-12:15, 12:45-13:30 and 14:00-14:45

Workshop: Careers in Fashion

Seminar Room 1, Learning Centre Level 1

Explore the wide range of careers in the fashion industry through this interactive workshop with Creative Pattern Cutter Claire Jago. Hear about new roles and the skills required.

Workshops are 60 minutes and will take place at 11:15-12:15, 12:30-13:30, 14:30-15:30 and 16:00-17:00

Free Pizza served from 1pm

Join us on Level 1, first come first served

Talks

Hochhauser Auditorium, Learning Centre Level 1

11.00-11.45 – Get a Job in Fashion

Insider knowledge on how to get your CV and portfolio noticed and where to find career opportunities in the world of fashion, from Emma Davidson, Managing Director of Denza, Luxury International Recruitment Specialists.

12.15-13.00 – Designing Materials of the Future

Noah Murphy-Reinhertz, NXT Space Sustainability Leader at Nike, joins us to share his role in the product development of Nike Space Hippie, a sustainably minded production initiative and manufacturing method, recasting pre and post industrial waste into brand-new footwear.

13.30-14:15 – Designer Reflections: Priya Ahluwalia

Fashion Designer & Film Director, Priya Ahluwalia, reflects on her career in the fashion industry. In 2021, Priya's namesake label Ahluwalia launched Circulate, an app for crowd-sourcing garments from customers to upcycle into future collections.

14:45-15:30 – Designer Reflections: Charles Jeffrey

Designer, illustrator, radical creative Charles Jeffrey in conversation with Sheila-Mary Carruthers. Charles' brand LOVERBOY's AW 20 collection disclosed the sustainable methods employed by the designer, including sourcing wools and tartans from local manufacturers to reduce his brand's carbon footprint.

16.00-16.45 – Sustain Yourself in the Creative Industries

We are joined by creative practitioners from a range of disciplines around the country to share how they have built a career that cares for the planet, for a hybrid event.