

V&A South Kensington

Upstart **Careers in Art and Design**



SAT 23 MAY
10:30-16:30

*Free workshops,
talks, demonstrations
and networking*

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Careers in Art and Design

Saturday 23 May 2026

10:30–16:30

Meet artists and designers to inspire your practice, play with different mediums, and grow your network.

Leave with new skills, ideas and connections to take you into the next stage of your creative career.

What's on

Maps

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Maps

Workshops

A

Creative Plastic Recycling

*Design Studio, Learning Centre,
Level 0*

11:00–12:00

12:15–13:15

14:00–15:00

Book from 10:30 in the *Learning Centre* reception

Turn single use plastic into multi-use with creative studio Are You Mad. Create and take home your own custom carabiner.

[@areyoumad.co](https://www.areyoumad.co)

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Workshops

B

DIY print for publication with PageMasters

*Art Studio, Learning Centre,
Level 0*

Drop-in from 10:30–16:30

Create your own mini publication, with prompts and tips for imagining your own publishing projects.

[@pagemasters.co](https://www.pagemasters.co)

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Workshops

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Build your Creative Brand

*Seminar Room 1, Learning
Centre, Level 1*

10:45–11:25

11:45–12:25

12:45–13:25

Book from 10:30 in the *Learning Centre* reception

Join Sana Tabassum of (to)scale to learn how to ‘Season Your Story’ and creatively tell the story of your brand.

[@to.scale](https://www.instagram.com/to.scale)

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Upgrade Your CV

*Seminar Room 2,
Learning Centre, Level 1*

11:30–12:15

12:30–13:15

13:30–14:15

Book from 10:30 in the *Learning Centre* reception

Meet the V&A's Talent acquisition Manager Chloe Levin, and learn how to make your CV work for you.

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Career Advice Clinic

*Seminar Room 2,
Learning Centre, Level 1*

10 minute timeslots
from 15:00–16:30

Book from 13:00 in the *Learning Centre* reception

Book a 1:1 session with industry professionals for tailored advice on your creative career with Sana Tabassum, Isabel Sachs and Chloe Levin.

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Create your Career Roadmap

*Residency Studio, Learning
Centre, Level 1*

Drop-in from 10:30–16:30

Join V&A Adobe Creative Resident Shanti Bell in her studio to see her work and to create a map of your past, current, and future creative landscape, leaving with a visual representation of your journey.

[@shantibell_](#)

The Adobe Creative Residency is supported by the Adobe Foundation

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Explore Design Thinking with Plants

*Lunchroom 1, Learning Centre,
Level 0*

Drop-in from 11:00–16:00

While you grab a bite to eat from En Root, artist Maia Magoga invites you to rethink what we call artistic process: using plants and the natural world as metaphors for creative thinking.

[@maiamagoga](#)

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Build Structures for Activism

*The Raphael Cartoons,
Gallery 48a*

Drop-in from 10:30–16:30

Working with Studio Bark, build largescale physical structures to bespoke design briefs using their revolutionary self-build system U-Build.

[@studiobark](https://www.instagram.com/studiobark)

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Design Experiments Live with rule of thirds

*Adobe Creative Residents
On Display, Gallery 29*
Drop-in from 10:30–16:30

Join Michael Akuagwu to set your own randomly generated design brief, inspired by the V&A Collection.

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Portfolio advice

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Mentor Sessions

National Art Library

20 minute timeslots from
11:00–16:30

Book from 10:30 at the *National
Art Library*

Meet with inspiring practitioners and discuss approaches to building your portfolio.

Practitioners include Academics, mentors from the Adobe Creative Apprenticeship programme, and practicing artists and designers.

Bring some examples of your work with you.

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Demonstrations

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Explore Model Making

*John Lyons Community Gallery,
Learning Centre, Level 0*

Drop-in from 10:30–16:30

Meet Arch Model Studios: multi award winning stop motion puppet, marionette and set fabrication workshop. Known for their work on Wes Anderson's 'Isle of Dogs', 'Fantastic Mr. Fox', and Tim Burton's 'Corpse Bride'. Drop-in as the studio showcases their work and discuss their creative process.

[@archmodelstudio](#)

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Demonstrations

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Meet the Designers

*Digital Studio, Learning Centre,
Level 0*

Drop-in from 10:30–16:30

Join our pop-up studio space, where you can meet innovative design and social impact startups, curated and hosted by Designer Steph McLaren-Neckles of Lets Be Brief.

[@letsbebriefcrew](#)

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[@deecce.archive](#)

[@looplyplanet](#)

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Talks and networking

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Panel and Conversation Creative + Tech

*Lydia and Manfred Gorvy Lecture
Theatre, Level 2*

12:00–13:00

14:20–15:20

Meet Artists whose practices explore creativity and technology. Listen to the panel discussion then network with creatives you want to hear more from.

[@kinda.studios](#)

[@cassettewitch](#)

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[@another_hellosabsab](#)

[@bats1996](#)

[@jannchoy](#)

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How to Navigate your Creative Career with I LIKE NETWORKING

Lydia and Manfred Gorvy

Lecture Theatre, Level 2

11:00–11:45

Explore how to build a creative practice and a sustainable career in the creative industries.

With Isabel Sachs, I LIKE NETWORKING, Seb Tam, multidisciplinary designer and creative, and Teresa Ferreira, creative director and AI brand strategist.

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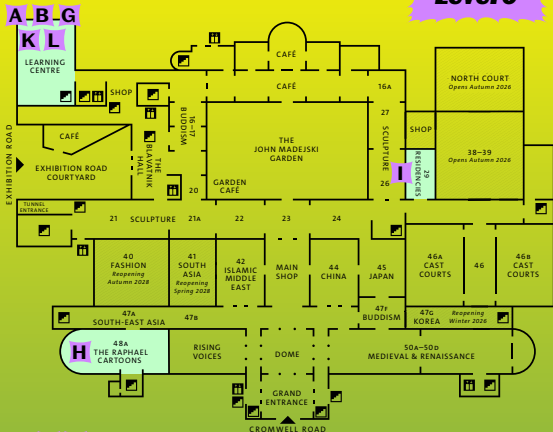
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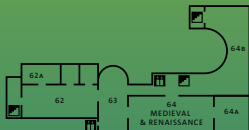
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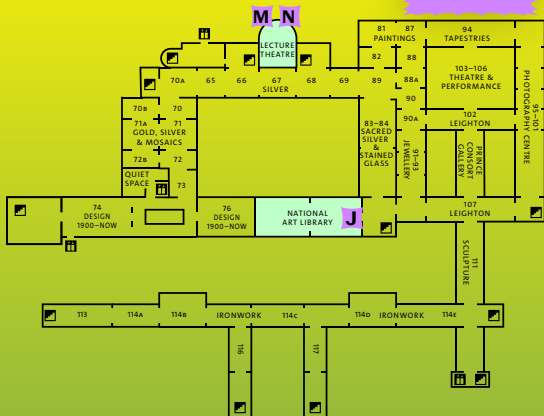


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