V&A South Kensington

Upstart Festival
Careers in Fashion



SAT 14 NOV
10:30–16:30

Free talks, mentorship, workshops and fashion illustration trail

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Saturday 14 November
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Upstart Festival: Careers in Fashion is a day of talks, workshops, portfolio reviews, mentorship and CV advice, displays and networking for young people to explore careers in Fashion. The day's events are aimed at young people between the ages of 16–26. There will be hands-on, practical experiences and advice for young people entering the creative industries.

Explore a world of creative jobs at Upstart, our annual multi-site creative career festival.

What's on

Maps

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Talks

A

Crafting the Future of African Fashion

Lydia and Manfred Gorvy Lecture Theatre, Level 2
14:30–15:30

An interactive talk exploring the people and professions shaping African fashion today, alongside textile traditions and career opportunities rooted in cultural knowledge and material heritage.

Chair: Adwoa Botchey and Solomon Adebiyi (Adeche Atelier)

Guest Panellists: Bukky Asehinde, Founder of TALES House, Shola Solanke, Founder of Elizabeth Divine and Dr Nicola Stylianou

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Talks

B

Careers in Fashion and Textiles: The Art of Making with Celia Thornley, UKFT

Lydia and Manfred Gorvy Lecture Theatre, Level 2
13:30–14:00

Learn about the creative and technical making skills behind the fashion and textile industry, and how you can be a part of it.

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Talks

C

A Conversation Through Imagery Roundtable: Unconventional Fashion

Hochhauser Auditorium, Learning Centre, Level 1
11:30–12:30

An open and inclusive conversation exploring and unpacking the body in the context of fashion, questioning traditional viewpoints and a speaker's corner space where young people can test ideas.

Panelists:
Shanti Bell: Adobe Creative Resident
Esme Marsh: Director of This Uniform

The Adobe Creative Residency is supported by the Adobe Foundation

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Workshops

D

Fashion Photography Masterclass
Seminar Room 1,
Learning Centre, Level 1
11:00–11:45
12:00–12:45
14:00–14:45
15:00–15:45

Book on the day from 10:30am

Join photographers Jasprit Singh and Michael Akuagwu, for a Fashion Accessories Photography Masterclass. Learn about fashion and product photography, explore lighting, set design and staging.

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@jaspritsingh81

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Workshops

E

Stitched Together
Design Studio,
Learning Centre, Level 0
10:30–16:00

Drop in

Learn to stitch with artist Ksenia Kazintseva and explore overlap between Palestinian, East European, Central Asian, African and South American textiles through imagery and stories.

@tinysassyspoon

Workshops

F

Decorate a Hat: From Heritage to Streetwear
Art Studio,
Learning Centre, Level 0
11:00–11:45
12:00–12:45
13:00–13:45
15:00–15:45

Book on the day from 10:30am

Join designer Uma Shah for hands-on fashion workshop exploring how heritage, objects, patterns and personal stories can be assembled into a contemporary fashion identity, through decorating bucket hats.

@askariclothing

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Workshops

G

Pattern Cutting: The Pattern Puzzle with London College of Fashion

Digital Studio,
Learning Centre, Level 0
11:00–11:45
12:00–12:45
14:00–14:45
15:00–15:45

Book on the day from 10:30am

A hands-on workshop introducing the creative world of fashion pattern cutting through play, experimentation and problem-solving. Using half-scale garment patterns developed by London College of Fashion tutors.

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Workshops

H

Fashion Futures: From Garment to Virtual World

Learning Centre Foyer, Level 0
10:30–16:30

Drop in

Join textile artist Marie Justina Eugene to discover how she uses fashion, heritage and emerging technologies to create immersive experiences.

@marie_justinaa

Mentorship, portfolio clinic & CV advice

National Art Library, Level 1

Book on the day at the *Learning Centre* front desk from 10:30

Meet with inspiring practitioners and discuss approaches to building your portfolio. Practitioners include Academics, institutions, mentors from the Adobe Creative Apprenticeship programme, and practicing artists and designers.

Bring some examples of your work with you.

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Mentorship

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Adobe Group Mentorship Sessions
11:30–12:00
13:30–14:00
14:45–15:15

Book on the day from 10:30am

Join 30-minute group sessions with creatives from the Adobe Creative Apprenticeship programme's mentorship scheme.

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GYMNASIUM Studio
Inside the world of graphic design for fashion brands

Brindha Kumar
Inside the world of illustration for fashion brands

Marija Marc
Passion project to paid gig: how to turn personal projects into client work

Dean Richardson
Building your creative brand online: how to promote yourself and your work on social media

Leonidas Liolios
How I got here: real talk on starting out in your creative career

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Portfolio clinic

J

1:1 with Thida Hawkin
Speciality fashion design

Course Lead: BA Fashion at Ravensbourne University London

11:00–11:30
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Portfolio clinic

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1:1 with Stuart Stockdale
Fashion design & creative direction

Senior Lecturer: BA (Hons) Fashion Design, Ravensbourne University London

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1:1 with Jane Bowler

Senior Lecturer in Fashion Design and Development at London College of Fashion, UAL

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1:1 with Ellie Carless

Educator and pattern cutter who teaches on the Fashion Design and Development course at London College of Fashion, UAL.

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Portfolio clinic

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1:1 with BenJomo

Freelance illustrator based in London.

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CV advice

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CV Workshop with Chloe Levin

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

11:30–12:00
12:15–12:45
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Networking

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Careers Fair
Raphael Cartoons, Level 0
10:30–16.00

Meet fashion brands, foundations and companies to discuss, gain advice, and consider how to develop your career in fashion and textiles with inspiring chats with people from the fashion industry.

Kurt Keiger Kindness Foundation, Graduate Fashion Foundation, Elizabeth Divine, Ravensbourne University and UKFT.

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Around the museum

L

Fashion Illustration Trail
China Gallery, Level 0
Raphael Cartoons, Level 0
John Lyons Community Gallery, Learning, Level 0
10:30–16.00

Grab a sketchbook and hit the fashion illustration trial! Meet designers, learn sketching tips, and capture modelled costumes, garments in your own style.

Graduate Fashion Foundation with designers Rebecca Ogunribido, Abbie Jarvis and Tabitha Windle-Hartshorn and illustrators Seniz Jones, Raafaye Ali & Alexandra Grahame.

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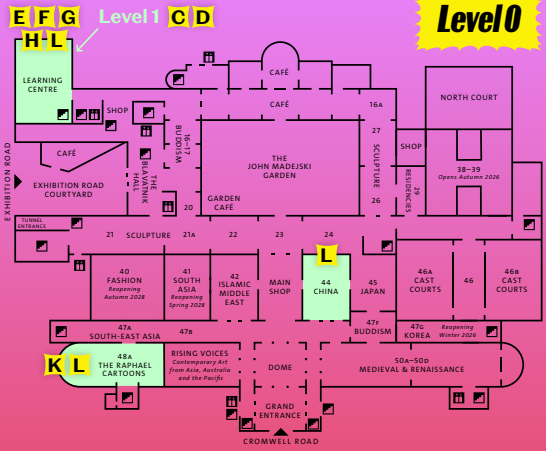
Level 0



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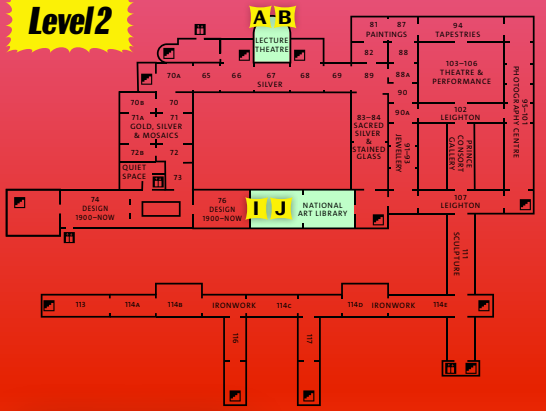

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