



CRAFT YOUR FUTURE

APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship usually involves on-the-job training while you are paid by the employer. In the craft and conservation sector this can be a valuable way to learn practical and business skills from experts in the field, usually referred to as a 'Master Craftsperson'.

In many areas, apprenticeships are offered as formal qualifications, supported by the government and with time allocated to theoretical study as well as hands-on work within a business. However, some craft skills are not supported in this way, usually because they are specialist crafts and the Master runs a very small business. In this case, it is often possible to undertake an apprenticeship that is entirely on-the-job training.

If you are considering an apprenticeship, you should research the options available in your chosen craft, this may include looking at local or national businesses for advertised opportunities, searching online directories (for example, Livery Companies often list apprenticeships and training in their speciality), or contacting businesses and Masters directly.

It is a good idea to get some experience of the craft in advance by attending a short course, taking a qualification at school or college, or getting some work experience. This will help you to decide if it is a career you want to pursue.

Where to find out more:

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#) offers advice about deciding if an apprenticeship is right for you, and also how to find and apply for positions.

[National Apprenticeship Week](#) offers lots of different events and online campaigns every year.

You can use the Find an Apprenticeship service to search for opportunities near you – there are different sites for each country of the UK.

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