



## CRAFT YOUR FUTURE GETTING STARTED

People find their way into craft and conservation careers in lots of different ways, the key thing is to get some experience using your hands to work with different materials so you can figure out what might be right for you.

There are lots of organisations offering free or low-cost opportunities for young people to get hands-on with different crafts, here are some ideas but you can also look at your local museum, youth zone, university, or artist studio for upcoming workshops:

### **National Saturday Clubs**

QEST partners with the National Saturday Club to deliver free Craft&Making Clubs for 13–16-year-olds, you can see if there is one near you on their [Find A Club map on their website](#).

If you're not near a Craft&Making Club why not take a look at one of their other subjects, there are lots of opportunities to be creative and have a go at making in other subjects, like Art&Design or Fashion&Business.

### **The Creative Dimension Trust**

TCDT offers intensive workshops for 14–19-year-olds in a wide range of areas, including stone carving, sign writing, and model making. They also have a work experience programme for 16–20-year-olds. Find out more on their [website here](#).

### **Craft Youth Board**

If you're interested in finding out more about the craft sector and having your say in the future, a lot of organisations have opportunities to network, volunteer or take part in youth boards:

#### **QEST Youth Board**

QEST recruit 6-8 volunteers aged 16-25 each year to sit on their Youth Board, this involves helping their team and trustees to make decisions about the direction of their work.

[Read more here](#).

#### **Young Craft Citizens**

The Crafts Council has a youth board and paid placements for 16–30-year-olds as part of the [Young Craft Citizens Programme](#).

#### **Young Makers Club**

Heritage Crafts' Young Makers Club is an opportunity to meet with other young makers and hear about new opportunities. [Read more here](#).