

# **Creative Careers**

## **Students with Disabilities and Learning Difficulties**

Creative Careers at the Arts London Careers Service aims to provide equal opportunities for all students and recent graduates. In particular we aim to respond positively to the needs of students and graduates with disabilities and learning difficulties. We are actively developing our work in this area and recognise our legal responsibilities under the Disability Discrimination Act.

Every member of the Creative Careers team is available to support all our students and graduates, including those with disabilities and learning difficulties as they make their career decisions and establish themselves in life beyond University. Staff update their knowledge and skills by attending training sessions with colleagues nationally in our professional association and other specialists in the field. In addition we have two members of the team, Dawn Ashdown Harris and Hannah Clements, who specialise in supporting students with disabilities and learning difficulties. Please contact these members of staff with any queries you may have regarding disclosing your disability, help with your job applications, CV and employment advice.

At Creative Careers we aim to be flexible in the way we offer our services to ensure that we meet the needs of all our students and graduates, including those with disabilities and learning difficulties.

If you feel there are particular arrangements that would enable you to make better use of our services we would encourage you to get in touch with us before you visit, or tell us on your first visit so that we can endeavour to provide you with the best support possible. We can, for example, provide all our own publications and workshop materials in alternative formats on request, or provide access to our information centre and services in ways to suit your individual needs.

All our service provision is subject to Student Services' confidentiality and equal opportunities policies, available on request.

The University of the Arts London produces a handbook "Breaking the Barriers" to meet the needs of an increasing number of disabled students who come to study at the University. This is available at college and central sites of Student Services. The disability team based at Central Student Services can provide information, advice and help at any stage of your course.

You can visit the Creative Careers website, contact us by telephone, textphone or email (all contact details below). Alternatively, you can call into the Careers Centre, Student Hub, Davies Street but please check current opening hours on our website first.

*Dawn Ashdown Harris and Hannah Clements have membership of the University of the Arts London Disability Group and the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services Disability Development Network.*

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