Theatre, Theatre Arts, Education and Deaf

There are some key sectors that you are likely to be drawn to including:

- Teaching and Education Alternatives
- Arts Administration
- Arts Performance
- Communication Support Worker
- Media
- Charity
- Public Sector

Roles

Each job title links through to a broad job description, salary and conditions, entry requirements, typical recruiters and links to further pre-assessed useful information.

- Theatre Director
- Communication Support Worker
- Sign Language Interpreter
- Special Needs Teacher
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Specialist Teaching Assistant
- Theatre Producer
- Actor

Finding Opportunities

Most of the roles attract a lot of competition so to stand out of the crowd it is important that you gain relevant experience during your degree.

Arts administration

- A well-written CV and covering letter sent to local theatres may result in some vacation work in the box-office or behind the scenes
- Arts Council job listings are great with lots of temporary and internship work as well as proper jobs
- Arts Professional jobs site for roles within the arts sector
- Young Professionals in the Arts site has TONS of links for more niche organisations
- Ambassador Theatre Group graduate scheme in management and administration

Creative and performance

- Try to get involved in summer theatre festivals or community based projects and the University drama group in term time.
- For media roles look at BBC, Mandy, and Production Base.
- The Stage has a good jobs board which is free to use
- Equity has good advice and factsheets for those keen to enter the profession
- BAFTA Guru website has great information on building a career in TV, Film and Games
- Creative Choices is a government backed site with lots of advice for creative industries

Teaching

- Gain experience in schools while at university using the Students in Schools scheme
- Graduate Teaching Intern scheme is a new scheme offering a paid work in teaching for one to three terms
- Apply for teacher training via UCAS (for Schools Direct or PGCE routes) or TeachFirst
Communication Support

- You might want to be a note taker or helper to other students with physical or mental disabilities.
- Find a communication professional to ask for work experience via NRCPD.
- The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists has a useful careers guide.
- The Association of Sign Language Interpreters careers section contains excellent information.
- Search for the deaf/communication support /administration roles by subscribing to deaf-uk-jobs-subscriber@yahoo.com.

Dramatherapy

- It may be difficult to find work experience in drama therapy or interpreting due to the confidential nature of the work but it may be possible to ask to chat to a therapist/interpreter in their work environment. So contact them and ask them for a discussion – you can use BADTH, the professional association, to find dramatherapists near you.
- The British Association of Drama Therapy provides careers advice.
- Reading has a voluntary organisation (RVA) which can assist you finding volunteering work with charities – find out more on the RVA website. You can also use Do-it, a national database of volunteering opportunities.

Entrepreneurship

If you are interested in setting up your own organisation or company, general advice on formulating business plans and the financial aspects of setting up a business can be found on the Government Business and Self-employment website.

Further Reading

- Local Government Jobs.
- Jobs Go Public.