

Games Educators Network

GAMES CAREERS DIRECTORY

Interested in a career in the video games industry, but not sure where to start? Have a look at the resources below.

JOBS BOARDS

Sites which collate jobs listings & opportunities. Free, but in most cases you will need to create an account:

- **GamesIndustry.biz Jobs:** Leading UK and global games industry job site, covering studio roles, publisher positions, and executive opportunities.
- **Hitmarker:** Global job platform dedicated specifically to video games and esports roles across all disciplines.
- **Games Jobs Direct:** Specialist recruitment board with UK and international game dev listings.
- **Work With Indies:** Curated job board dedicated exclusively to indie game studios and remote indie opportunities.
- **Games Jobs Index**: International job board for games industry.
- **Sorcery Job Board**: A great location for new job postings and studios can use as a hiring platform.
- **ERIC App:** Career app highlighting creative industry training, entry-level jobs, and internships for young people.
- **If You Could Jobs:** Design and creative technology job board featuring animation, UI/UX, and graphic design roles.
- **Creative Lives in Progress:** Inclusive creative industry advice hub and job board.

DIRECTORIES & TALENT POOLS

Databases where students and jobseekers can register their profiles, showcase portfolios, or sign up to be scouted:

- **The Rookies**: Worldwide Platform for showcasing portfolios and competitions, with Universities ranked by how well their students do in yearly competitions.
- **Into Games Resource Directory**: A collection of materials gathered with tons of helpful resources for getting career ready in the games industry.
- **Limit Break Mentorship Database**: Talent hub and mentorship directory for underrepresented genders in the UK games industry.

APPRENTICESHIPS

On-the-job training leading to formal qualifications in software, game art, and technical disciplines:

- **Sumo Digital Academy:** Industry-accredited game programming apprenticeship designed to train non-traditional backgrounds into professional programmers.
- **NextGen Skills Academy:** Animation level 4 apprenticeships offered at DNEG, Framestore & Jellyfish.
- **UK Government Apprenticeship Finder:** Official UK database to search for Level 3 to Level 7 Software Developer, Game Art, and Digital Media apprenticeships.

INTERNSHIPS & WORK EXPERIENCE

Early-career schemes, placement years, and work experience offerings at major game publishers and studios:

- **PlayStation / Sony Interactive Entertainment Early Careers:** Paid internships, placement years, and graduate positions in London and Liverpool.
- **EA (Electronic Arts) Early Careers:** Global student internships, co-ops, and university placements across game design, software engineering, and production.
- **Ubisoft Early Careers:** Graduate schemes, studio placements, and internships across global sites including Ubisoft Newcastle (Reflections).
- **Creative Assembly Internships & Placements:** Annual placement schemes for university students across code, art, audio, and game design in Sussex and online.
- **Sumo Digital Early Careers:** Placement positions and junior entry programs across Sumo Group's UK studios.
- **Frontier Developments Early Careers:** Internship programs and entry-level positions based in Cambridge.

COMMUNITIES & PLATFORM GROUPS

Online communities, Discord servers, and networks to find informal openings, portfolio reviews, and industry connections:

- **Game Dev London Discord**: Active community for game developers across the UK offering feedback, channels for job listings, and networking.
- **Work With Indies Discord**: Large community server for indie dev job seekers, networking, and direct studio interactions.
- **Into Games Discord**: A dedicated place for learners, tutors, game jammers, game enthusiasts, industry, and friends to chat and collaborate on all things videogames.

NETWORKS & SUPPORT

Trade associations, advocacy groups, and professional communities dedicated to support and representation:

- **Ukie (UK Interactive Entertainment):** The UK video games industry trade body, providing career guides, diversity initiatives, and education programs.
- **TIGA:** Network representing UK game developers and digital publishers with education accreditation and student awards.
- **Women in Games (WIGJ):** Global non-profit pushing for gender equality in video games and esports.
- **Out Making Games (OMG):** Network connecting and supporting LGBTQ+ professionals across the UK games industry.
- **SpecialEffect:** Charity focusing on games accessibility for players with disabilities, offering industry resources on accessible design.
- **Game Dev London:** Grassroots platform supporting local UK creators through podcasts, meetups, and developer networks.
- **London Game Dev Meetups**: Popular indie and studio game dev meet ups around central London. Relaxed and casual atmosphere.
- **POC in Play Mentorship Program:** Mentorship support for People of Color working in or seeking entry to the video games industry.

AWARDS & COMPETITIONS

Student challenges, game jams, and awards designed to showcase games talent to studio recruiters:

- **BAFTA Young Game Designers (YGD):** Annual national competition for 10–18 year-olds to submit game concepts or working game prototypes.
- **Tranzfuser:** UK government-backed talent competition for university graduates to pitch, prototype, and build indie studios with grant funding.
- **Search for a Star (Grads in Games):** UK-wide student competition designed to simulate real studio recruitment tests for code, art, design, and animation.
- **Global Game Jam:** The world's largest game creation event, hosted annually across hundreds of UK and international sites.
- **Ukie Student Game Jam:** Annual national game jam tailored for UK university and college students, supported by major games brands.
- **Uk Game Off (Itch):** Regular digital game jams hosted on itch.io open to developers of all experience levels.
- **11 Second Club**: Character animation competition, monthly challenge where 11 seconds of audio is given and public vote for best animation. The prize is mentoring.
- **The Rookies Contests**: Games, animation & VFX monthly and annual competitions. Schools get ranked on student outcomes from yearly competition lots of prizes including internships.

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