Landscape Architecture  
Tips for Employment & Work Experience

JOBS AND WORK EXPERIENCE
The Careers Service has lots of information relating to finding jobs and work experience or part-time jobs. This publication details some of the most relevant sources for Landscape Architecture students.

FINDING WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES AND/OR PART-TIME JOBS
For the best chance of finding jobs and work experience, spread the net as widely as possible. Use a range of vacancy sources, including talking to people who might have advice or know of possible employers. This includes postgraduate students in your department who have worked in landscape on a year in practice. The Careers Service has information and advice on making speculative approaches to employers for jobs and work experience at www.shef.ac.uk/careers/studentjobs/finding.html

If you’re looking for short-term experience, consider the different kinds of work that might relate to a career in landscape, such as landscape gardening firms, garden centres and voluntary/not-for-profit organisations. Remember all work experience is valuable as a way of developing your skills.

Remember, too, that your application for a job or work experience needs to be well-written and present you in the best possible light, so get advice on your applications. You can get help with your applications from the Careers Service as well as your tutors. For applications advice and details of other ways we can help see www.shef.ac.uk/careers/students/gettingajob

WHERE TO LOOK
If you are looking for something specifically related to Landscape Architecture:

In addition to jobs advertised in your department, use the following websites to research jobs/work experience and employers in landscape architecture:

- **Landscape Institute** www.landscapeinstitute.org - The Royal Chartered body for Landscape Architects in the UK. Advertises Landscape Architect jobs and has an online Practice Registry
- **Local Authority jobs** - www.publicsectorcareers.org, lgjobs.com and www.jobsgopublic.com cover the public sector. The Landscape Institute estimates around 50% of Landscape professionals work in local authorities or other public sector bodies
- **British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI)** - www.bali.org.uk/ has a Membership Directory of firms searchable by service and a Jobshop with jobs for landscapers, labourers etc
- **www.bd4jobs.com** - construction industry jobsite with some landscape opportunities
- **Careers Service** - vacancies received by the Careers Service are notified to your department, and publicised on myVacancies. You can access the myVacancies via the Careers tab on your MUSE homepage, or at www.shef.ac.uk/careers/students/jobs.

Specialist recruitment consultancies for landscape include:
- Anderselite www.anderselite.com
- Macdonald and Company www.macdonald.co.uk
- Locate Partnership www.locatepartnership.co.uk

Note: Consultancies’ jobs listings tend to be dominated by posts for experienced staff but they can also include entry-level jobs for graduates.

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For general information on careers in landscape and related areas:

- **Careers Service’s** Careers with my degree [www.shef.ac.uk/careers/students/worktypes/landscape](www.shef.ac.uk/careers/students/worktypes/landscape)
- **Landscape Institute careers information** – ‘I Want To Be a Landscape Architect’ includes case studies and other careers information at [www.iwanttobealandscapearchitect.com](www.iwanttobealandscapearchitect.com)
- **Landscape Design Trust** - [www.landscape.co.uk](www.landscape.co.uk) is a charity which promotes landscape for the benefit of the environment and the community

Relevant journals include:
- ‘Landscape’ published by The Landscape Institute
- ‘Green Places’ published by the Green Spaces, the parks charity

Related careers websites

- **Ask:What if?** [www.askwhatif.co.uk](www.askwhatif.co.uk) – is aimed at people with an interest in careers that have a positive impact on people’s lives and communities. This site has profiles of careers which contribute to creating sustainable communities including design and environment jobs
- **The Homes and Communities Agency** has a website which covers careers creating sustainable communities. [http://skills.homesandcommunities.co.uk/theme/careers](http://skills.homesandcommunities.co.uk/theme/careers) links to the HCA’s ‘Ask What If?’ website and to the annual ‘Future Vision’ competition for undergraduate and postgraduate students in the UK
- **Green Space** [www.green-space.org.uk](www.green-space.org.uk) - an organisation dedicated to improving parks and green spaces by raising awareness, involving communities and creating skilled professionals
- **LANTRALANTRALANTRA** [www.lantra.co.uk](www.lantra.co.uk) - Skills Council for environmental and land-based sectors, representing employers across the UK, from horticulture to agriculture and animal care
- **CABECABECABE** [www.cabe.org.uk](www.cabe.org.uk) - The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment was an advisory body on architecture, urban design and public space, although funding was withdrawn in 2010. The website remains and includes ‘CABE Space’ which specialises in issues related to the design and management of public spaces.

General resources for all types of graduate jobs, part-time jobs and work experience:

- **myVacancies** is the Careers Service’s online listing of jobs and student work experience, via the Careers tab on your MUSE home page or [www.shef.ac.uk/careers/students/jobs](www.shef.ac.uk/careers/students/jobs)
- **The Careers Service** advice on finding and making the most of work experience and part-time jobs. See the Improve Your Prospects pages at [www.sheffield.ac.uk/careers/students/advice](www.sheffield.ac.uk/careers/students/advice) and our Briefing Sheet ‘Student Jobs and Work Experience’ available from the Careers Service or online at [www.shef.ac.uk/careers/students/advice/work.html](www.shef.ac.uk/careers/students/advice/work.html)
- **Careers Service** [www.careers.dept.shef.ac.uk/infotree/](www.careers.dept.shef.ac.uk/infotree/) - our online ‘Information Resources’ provide information and links on the full range of careers and postgraduate study and research
- Use national graduate careers sites like:
  - Target Jobs - [targetjobs.co.uk](targetjobs.co.uk)
  - Prospects – [www.prospects.ac.uk](www.prospects.ac.uk)
- Pick up careers publications such as **directories of graduate employers** and [Target Work Experience / Prospects Work Experience](https://www.shef.ac.uk/careers) available free from the Careers Service
- Yellow Pages – [www.yell.com](www.yell.com) for speculative approaches to different kinds of firms and organisations in a chosen region (search by type of organisation and by geographical location)

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