

Something to consider and research over the Summer:

As part of Level 5 you will be undertaking a Professional Practice module. One of the assessable components of this module is actual work experience.

This includes the opportunity for you to organise and undertake appropriate career investigations such as work placement with makers, artists, designers, galleries, curating, exhibiting practice, working with community arts groups, running workshops, gallery & arts administration, teaching situations or industry.

In preparation of this module, you can begin to think about what you might do and even undertake some experience. Using the summer will give you more time to explore your options and make connections with people. The more notice you can give to those you wish to work with the more likely a placement is to be successful.

Consider the direction your work has taken over the last year and its potential for future development. Use this to inform the type of placement you may wish to undertake. If you are unsure where to go and what to do don't worry, we can help you when you return in September. However, we cannot organise placements for you - you are ultimately responsible for organising this professional practice for yourself.

Think locally, nationally and even internationally if your personal funding allows.

Some suggestions of interesting reading or listening from the staff team:

Books/Audiobooks:

- Ways of Seeing - John Berger (look at the book & the BBC series from the 70s, it is available [on YouTube](#))
- An 'expert view' by Daniel Charny from 'Radical Matter' by Franklin & Till
- Atomic Habits – James Clear
- Fewer Better Things – Glenn Adamson
- A Case for Working with your Hands – Matthew Crawford
- A Field Guide to Getting Lost – Rebecca Solnit
- Every Tool's A Hammer: Life Is What You Make It - Adam Savage
- The Creative Act: A Way of Being - Rick Rubin

Podcasts:

- gemJunkies
- TOAST Podcast
- On Design
- Material Matters
- Making Design Circular

Have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing you back in September!