

Silver Arts Award Unit 1

Part D: arts research



Find out

The purpose of this worksheet is to give you tips for finding out about artists and arts/cultural organisations.

Which art forms are you interested in? (Eg drama/visual arts/music/street dance)

Describe the kind of people or careers involved in these art forms. (Eg actor, director, musician, producer, choreographer, writer)

What kind of places might they work/display/perform/exhibit in?

Research checklist

Do some active research about these art forms, organisations and people. Think about:

- ▶ How might you be able to meet one of these people, talk to or work alongside them?
- ▶ How do people get involved in these art forms?

Here are some ideas of how you could find about arts practitioners and arts organisations:

- ▶ email interviews with practitioners or arts professionals
- ▶ take part in a workshop with a person you're researching
- ▶ audio record or film an interview with a practitioner
- ▶ go to a creative careers talk
- ▶ attend a masterclass
- ▶ work shadow or work experience
- ▶ attend a college/university open day to find out more about arts courses and training
- ▶ research training courses and qualifications in the arts
- ▶ research local arts venues and find out how you can get involved
- ▶ take a backstage tour

Contact local Arts Award Supporters to find out what's going on near you:

artsaward.org.uk/supporter

You will need to record how you found out about arts practitioners and arts organisations, and what you learnt. Remember to include:

- ▶ What did you do to get involved with arts practitioners and arts organisations?
- ▶ How did you find out about future education and career pathways in the arts?
- ▶ What evidence do you have to show what you did?
- ▶ What did you learn about practitioners career development and work?
- ▶ Did you find other opportunities within your art form?
- ▶ How has what you found out had an influence on you?

You'll need to summarise in your portfolio what you found out. Jot down some ideas for how you'll present this in your own individual way:

