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This directory for designer-makers is not an exhaustive list but will help with initial research into the support that is available to you. Many of the websites detailed below contain links to other useful and relevant sites that are not listed here. If you cannot find what you are looking for please contact Emma Thatcher, Professional Development Coordinator who will do her best to assist you.

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NATIONAL AGENCIES

Arts Council London

www.artscouncil.org.uk

This is the London office for Arts Council England. The website contains information about funding available from the Arts Council, supporting a range of artistic activities from theatre to music, literature to dance, photography to digital art, carnival to crafts. Also contains number of links for: Careers and training; information resources; art management and different art forms. The *Grants for the Arts* handbook gives information on how to apply for funding as an individual creative practitioner/visual artist through the scheme.

E: enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk Tel: 0845 300 6200

British Council

www.britishcouncil.org/new

Provides UK creative businesses with a portal to sector specific information on events, contacts, funding and market research to support international opportunities. The website includes information on the creative economy in Britain and projects developing international partnerships.

E: arts@britishcouncil.org Tel: 020 7389 3194

British Fashion Council

www.britishfashioncouncil.com

www.londonfashionweek.co.uk

The British Fashion Council owns and organises London Fashion Week and the British Fashion Awards. It also seeks to help British designers to develop their businesses and has published a Designer Fact File, a guide to setting up a designer fashion business, and the Designer Manufacturing Handbook. The BFC has close links with the UK's top fashion design colleges through its Colleges Forum, which acts as an interface between industry and colleges.

E: info@britishfashioncouncil.com Tel. 020 7759 1999

Creative & Cultural Skills

www.ccskills.org.uk

Sector Skills Councils were licensed by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills to tackle the skills needs of the UK. Creative & Cultural Skills is the Sector Skills Council for the Creative & Cultural Sector, which covers Advertising, Crafts, Cultural Heritage, Design, Music, Performing, Literary and Visual Arts. The organisation works with employers from these industries to provide training, consultation, and research.

E: info@ccskills.org.uk Tel: 020 7015 1800

Crafts Council

www.craftscouncil.org.uk

The Crafts Council is the UK's national organisation for the promotion of contemporary crafts. It is an independent body, funded by Arts Council England, responsible for promoting fine craftsmanship, encouraging high standards and increasing public awareness of contemporary crafts and applied arts. The website provides details of information resources (library, National Register of Makers); grants and funding and Craft Council events such as Collect and Origin.

For maker development information:

E: makerdev@craftscouncil.org.uk Tel: 020 7806 2529

Department of Culture, Media & Sport

www.culture.gov.uk

The DCMS aims to assist the creative industries by raising their profile and helping them achieve their full economic potential. The website has lots of information including a FAQs section; a Creative Industries Money Map; funding schemes open to creative businesses; a discussion forum and information about

government initiatives related to the creative industries. E: enquiries@culture.gov.uk Tel: 020 7211 6200	
Design Council	www.designcouncil.org.uk
Funded by the UK government, the Design Council aims to inspire and enable the best use of design to make the UK a more competitive, creative and sustainable nation. Their role is to help UK managers become the best users of design in the world, supported by the most skilled and capable design professionals. A few objectives for the Good Design Plan over the next three years (2008-2011) are to promote business and public sector innovation, public and community engagement, design skills development, design policy and promotion. E: info@designcouncil.org.uk Tel: 020 7420 5200	
NESTA	www.nesta.org.uk
NESTA is the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts. Through a range of programmes they invest in talented people and innovative ideas. They invest in a diverse range of people including scientists, inventors, engineers, medical practitioners, educators, artists, writers, film-makers and musicians. NESTA currently manages four main areas of programmes: Collaborative Innovation, The Creative Economy, The Lab – Innovating Public Services and Young People and Innovation. E: contact through website Tel: 020 7438 2500	
ASSOCIATIONS & NETWORKS	
Association for Contemporary Jewellery	www.acj.org.uk
The Association for Contemporary Jewellery is a membership organisation based in Britain devoted to the promotion of contemporary jewellery. ACJ organises workshops, seminars and other events both nationally and regionally. Their quarterly newsletter, findings, features reviews, information, comment, book offers and discounts and is of benefit to both their members and the wider public. They also produce a monthly e-bulletin featuring news and opportunities. E: enquiries@acj.org.uk Tel. 020 8291 4201	
Benchpeg	www.benchpeg.com
A widely-read weekly e-newsletter, benchpeg aims to support the British Jewellery Industry with listings on opportunities on showcasing, commissioning, competitions, awards, funding or grants, please log onto the website to find out more. E: info@benchpeg.com	
The British Jewellers' Association	www.bja.org.uk
The British Jewellers' Association is the national trade association which promotes and protects the growth and prosperity of UK jewellery and silverware suppliers. With over 850 member companies, the BJA represents manufacturers, bullion suppliers, casting houses, diamond and gem dealers, designer jewellers, silversmiths, craftsmen and women, equipment suppliers, wholesalers, galleries, internet retailers and traders. E: info@bj.org.uk	
Business Link in London	www.businesslink.gov.uk/london
Business Link in London – part of the national Business Link network – provides business and marketing advice to London's small and medium-sized businesses. They provide the following services: telephone enquiry service, independent advice and expertise, fact sheets, seminars, workshops, networking events and a free monthly newsletter. Their website also hosts a grants, loans and awards searchable database. E: info@bllondon.co.uk Tel: 0845 6000 787	
Change Act Share	www.changeactshare.org.uk
Change Act Share is London's jewellery and allied industries website. It is part of the Jewellery Sector Investment Plan (JSIP) a regional project aimed at revitalising the London jewellery and allied industry and to improve its competitiveness. The website provides access to a comprehensive business finder, industry resources, interactive forum, newsletters and makers can also assess training and support via the JSIP programme. E: fiona.mckeith@camden.gov.uk Tel: 020 7974 8126	

Chartered Society of Designers	www.csd.org.uk
<p>The Chartered Society of Designers is a professional body for designers of all disciplines with over 3,000 members in 34 countries. The Website provides information on how you can obtain professional recognition for your work, free professional advice, business networking opportunities. E: info@csd.org.uk Tel: 020 740719878</p>	
Contemporary Glass Society	www.cgs.org.uk
<p>The Contemporary Glass Society aims to encourage excellence in glass as a creative medium and to develop a greater awareness of contemporary glass world-wide. Membership is open to anyone working in or interested in glass. E: admin@cgs.org.uk Tel. 01603 507 737</p>	
Craft Central	www.craftcentral.org.uk
<p>Crafts people and designer-makers can join Craft Central's Designers' Network, show work in exhibitions or in the online gallery, rent work spaces and get practical business help. E: info@craftcentral.org.uk Tel: 020 7251 0276</p>	
Craft Potters Association	www.cpaceramics.co.uk
<p>The Craft Potters Association aims to encourage the creation of fine works in studio ceramics, to promote their value in society and to foster the interest of the public in ceramic art. It is the national body representing ceramic artists in the UK. E: admin@cpaceramics.co.uk Tel: 020 7437 7601</p>	
Design Nation	www.designnation.co.uk
<p>Design Nation has three main activities. It promotes the excellence of British design, it manages the Eureka project (which creates links between designers, retailers and manufacturers) and it helps designers with business training after they leave college. Their members are selected by an independent panel of industry professionals who are promoted on their website and in the associated catalogue. Membership also gives them access to bursary schemes at major exhibitions such as 100% Design, and networking events with industry professionals such as buyers, retailers and manufacturers. E: info@designnation.co.uk</p>	
Federation of Small Businesses	www.fsb.org.uk
<p>The FSB (Federation of Small Businesses) is the UK's largest campaigning pressure group promoting and protecting the interests of the self-employed and owners of small firms. Their Member Services is committed to delivering a wide range of high quality, good value business services to members of the FSB (such as reduced rates for credit card processing facilities). Tel: 01253 336000</p>	
Hidden Art (Mazorca Projects)	www.hiddenart.com
<p>Mazorca Projects which runs Hidden Art, is a not-for-profit organisation that connects, promotes and supports over 1,800 designer-makers through their membership scheme. Their aim is to improve access to information for makers; enable the exchange of ideas and expertise; offer a platform for designer-makers to exhibit and sell work and build links between designers and manufacturing industries through their Design into Manufacture project. E: info@hiddenart.co.uk Tel: 020 7729 3800</p>	
BUSINESS SUPPORT, TRAINING & INFORMATION	
a-n	www.a-n.co.uk
<p>a-n – the Artist's Information Company publishes a monthly magazine as well as an on-line resource for artists and makers. Through advocacy and information, a-n's mission is to stimulate and support contemporary visual arts practice and affirm the value of artists in society. The site contains useful and up-to-date information including a knowledge bank; information about support organisations; opportunities, fact sheets; toolkits and a number of useful links to other relevant sites. Cockpit Arts subscribes to this website – please contact Emma Thatcher or your studio manager for login details. E: info@a-n.co.uk Tel: 019 1241 8000</p>	

Artquest	www.artquest.org.uk
<p>Artquest is an artists' resource tool funded by the Arts Council and University of the Arts London. Artquest's mission is to provide a comprehensive advice and information service to London's visual arts professionals at all stages of their careers. Covering all areas of practice, this website provides information relating to the presentation and selling of work; research and development of new work practices and techniques; financial advice and ongoing professional development and training opportunities. It also offers an email and telephone helpline; one-to-one sessions with specialist artist's advisors and training, and seminar events organised with other London partners. The site contains a number of useful links to other relevant sites. E: info@artquest.org.uk</p>	
British Library Business & IP Centre	www.bl.uk/bipc/index.html
<p>The British Library Business & IP Centre in London offers free access to the UK's most comprehensive collection of business and intellectual property databases and publications, including general startup advice; information on funding sources; market research; company data; business news and information on patents; trade marks, registered designs and copyright. They also run a range of business and IP-related workshops and events. E: bipc@bl.uk Tel: 020 7412 7454</p>	
Centre for Fashion Enterprise	www.fashion-enterprise.com
<p>This Centre, based at the London College of Fashion, aims to improve the success rate of fashion start-ups by reducing the risks inherent in building a new fashion company. The CFE offers London-based start-up designers access to resources such as funds to develop new collections; manufacturing links; business planning and access to potential investors. E: enquiries@fashion-enterprise.com</p>	
CIDA	www.cida.co.uk
<p>CIDA specialises in delivering business consultancy and marketing support to the creative and cultural industry. CIDA services include: Advice and training; fundraising; networking; website and e-bulletin; on-line directory; resource centre and consultancy. CIDA's services are open to all, but free services are available to those based in Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest. E: info@cida.co.uk Tel: 020 7247 4710</p>	
Creative Capital	www.creative-capital.org.uk
<p>An Arts Council funded website that gives advice to artists and arts professionals looking for Continuing Professional Development opportunities; career development; information on training; learning and other relevant services and resources in London. E: info@creative-capital.org.uk Tel: 020 7375 2973</p>	
Create KX	www.createkx.org.uk
<p>Create KX conducts regular talks, workshops and other events at various locations around King's Cross. CreateKX Directory on-line also provides details of business and community support agencies, training opportunities and professional business-to-business services. E: info@createKX.org.uk Tel: 020 7412 5511</p>	
Enterprise Centre for the Creative Arts	www.ecca-london.org
<p>ECCA offers free creative business services and facilities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-to-one advice sessions on setting up and/or running your own business • Email advice from financial, legal and funding experts • Funding help and advice for practicing freelancers & small businesses • A contact database of over 400 useful creative organisations • An up-to-date events diary of all events of interest to creative businesses • Invitations to creative industry special events • Networking and collaborative venture opportunities <p>This service is aimed at students and graduates of the University of the Arts, London, who have either set up their own business in the last 3 years, or are thinking about starting one. Some services are also available to London-based creative practitioners. E: info@ecca-london.org</p>	

Holts Academy	www.holtsacademy.com
<p>Holts Academy in Hatton Garden offers courses for beginners and jewellery specialists. The school uses state-of-the-art workshops furnished to the highest standard and the latest available equipment within the training programmes. Courses include lapidary, jewellery design and CAD/CAM. Please see the website for details of courses. The organisation supports new start-ups; links designers with manufacturers, and fosters sustainable business growth, training and funding for over 600 learners per year in all aspects of the trade. E: info@holtsacademy.com Tel. 020 7405 0197</p>	
Inland Revenue Business Support Teams	www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/bst
<p>Specially trained Business Support Teams offer free educational support to all business enterprises on how to comply with their tax and national insurance obligations. Self Assessment hotline: 0845 9000444</p>	
Platform	www.platformjewellery.com
<p>Platform is a not-for-profit jewellery initiative setup in 2009 to support the UK jewellery trade. They provide a range of support, education and services to the public, designer makers, jewellers, retailers and new entrants to the jewellery sector. E: showcase@platformjewellery.com Tel: 020 7831 2695</p>	
Sonar Project	www.sonarproject.org.uk
<p>The Sonar Project provides advice, assistance and training to small and medium sized jewellery businesses. In conjunction with Holts Jewellery School the Project offers CAD/CAM and digital photography courses at its premises in Bethnal Green, London E2. Other services include: visual merchandising and window display; digital photography and graphic design for shop signage. The Project also organises regular exhibitions and the website has a directory of useful jewellery contacts. E: info@sonarproject.org.uk Tel: 0845 650 4244</p>	
ENTERPRISE CENTRES (LONDON REGION AGENCY DETAILS)	
<p>The enterprise centres provide access to business support, meeting rooms, contacts, training, signposting and (in some cases) funding. Useful resources for designer-makers living in these areas.</p>	
Greater London Enterprise (GLE) Group	www.gle.co.uk
E: info@gle.co.uk Tel: 020 7403 0300	
London Innovation Network	www.london-innovation.org
E: innovation@gle.co.uk Tel: 020 7940 1512	
London Development Agency	www.lda.gov.uk
E: info@lda.gov.uk Tel: 020 7593 9000	
NORTH & CENTRAL	
Camden, Westminster, Islington and the City	www.centa.co.uk
<p>Centa Business Services E: info@centa.co.uk Tel: 020 7278 5757</p>	
Southwark, Elephant and Castle	www.bizextra.biz
<p>Business Extra E: info@bizextra.biz Tel: 020 7701 0011</p>	
EAST	
East London Small Business Centre	www.goeast.org
E: elsbc@goeast.org Tel: 020 7377 8821	
Barking & Dagenham	www.bdsbc.org
Barking & Dagenham Small Business Centre (BDSBC)	

E: bdshc@bdshc.org Tel: 020 8911 3737	
Hackney	www.hbv.org.uk
HBV Enterprise (formerly known as Hackney Business Venture) E: mail@hbv.org.uk Tel: 020 7254 9595	
SOUTH	
South London Biz	www.southlondon.biz
E: info@southlondon.biz Tel: 020 8947 0055	
South London Business	www.southlondonbusiness.co.uk
E: beckyprice@southlondonbusiness.co.uk Tel: 020 8666 0221	
South East London	www.seenterprise.co.uk
South East Enterprise E: info@seenterprise.co.uk Tel: 020 8305 2222	
Lewisham	www.lewisham.gov.uk/Business
Lewisham Council – Business Advisory Service E: infobas@lewisham.gov.uk Tel: 020 8297 1171 (ext 305)	
WEST	
Portobello Business Centre	www.pbc.co.uk
E: info@pbc.co.uk Tel: 020 7460 5050	
West London Business	www.westlondon.com
E: info@westlondon.com Tel: 020 8607 2500	
Business Enterprise Centre (BEC)	www.bectek.co.uk
Tel: 020 8746 0355	
EXPORTING	
British European Design Group	www.bedg.org
Since 1991 the BEDG has taken more than 2,600 creative British businesses to exhibit their products via key export markets around the world. Funded by government and non-government funding they organise a range of trade missions and events overseas. Tel. 020 8940 7857	
UK Trade and Investment	www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk
UK Trade and Investment is the government organisation that supports companies in the UK doing business internationally, and overseas enterprises seeking to set up or expand in the UK. Their network of experts provides business opportunities and guidance to potential exporters. Also use the website to access information on trade missions and export events.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free one to one advice from international trade advisors via one to one meetings and email and phone support. • Passport to Export – an in depth 12 month support package for new exporters to become export ready. • Market & sector research. • Overseas Market Introduction Service (OMIS) – working with commercial officers overseas to gather market intelligence, arrange introductions to buyers etc. • Export Marketing Research Scheme (EMRS) – market research / market visit service for existing exporters seeking to break into new markets, subsidised by the UK office. 	

- Tradeshaw Access Programme (TAP) – grants for new exporters to attend overseas trade shows either with a trade organisation or solo.

Tel. 020 7215 8000

UK Fashion and Textile Association

www.5portlandplace.org.uk

The UK Fashion and Textile Association guides and advises its members on all the essential aspects of running a business and supplying clothing and knitwear to the global marketplace. Through its export division, UK Fashion Exports, it gives help and advice on how to achieve sales in overseas markets.
E: contact@5portlandplace.org.uk Tel. 0207 636 7788

London Jewellery Exports

www.londonjewelleryexports.com

The London Jewellery Exports' website has been created to recognise and promote London's designer jewellers and silversmiths and to help them sell to discerning buyers all over the world. By using a detailed market information template, it helps designers gather research on key export markets and shows.
Tel: 0121 237 1110

FUNDING

Association of Charitable Trusts

www.acf.org.uk

The ACF is a UK-wide support organisation for grant-making trusts and foundations of all types. The website features a useful A-Z list of UK trusts with web links.
E: via the website Tel: 020 7255 4499

Arts Council London

www.artscouncil.org.uk

Funding through the national Grants for the Arts scheme – see details above under national agencies.
E: enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk Tel: 0845 300 6200

Crafts Council

www.craftscouncil.org.uk

Funding through the Crafts Council Collective series of programmes – see details above under national agencies.
E: makerdev@craftscouncil.org.uk Tel: 020 7806 2529

Enterprise Agencies

www.nfea.com

Your local enterprise agency may have funding available in the form of grants or loans for small businesses. Check with your local agency – see Enterprise Agencies above for contact details.

Local Authorities

Your local authority may have funding available in the form of grants or loans for small businesses. All 33 London boroughs have business development officers, economic development or enterprise pages on their websites so check with your borough council for details.

Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust

www.qest.org.uk

The trust provides grants for craft training with awards ranging from £1,000 to £15,000 to craftsmen and women of all ages to help them further their careers (e.g. through study, training and work experience).
E: qest@rwha.co.uk Tel: 020 7828 2268

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

ACID

www.acid.eu.com

ACID (Anti Copying In Design) is an action group committed to fighting intellectual property (IP) theft. They have over 1,000 members and offer a range of benefits from design protection to maximising commercial and trading relationships – through education and exploitation of intellectual property rights
T: 0845 644 3617

Briffa

www.briffa.com

Briffa is a legal practice specialising in the protection of copyright, designs, patents, trade marks, franchising, joint venture deals, trade secrets and information technology. They also run member only

<p>advice service – www.designprotect.com – a resource set by Briffa to help protect and manage designer's portfolios. E: info@briffa.com Tel. 020 7288 6003</p>	
<p>Intellectual Property Office</p>	<p>www.ipo.gov.uk</p>
<p>This is the government office responsible for intellectual property (including copyright, designs, patents and trademarks). The website has useful information and advice for designers E: Enquiries@ipo.gov.uk Tel: 084 5950 0505</p>	
<p>Own-It: Intellectual Property Advice Service</p>	<p>www.own-it.org</p>
<p>Based at The University of the Arts, offering free intellectual property advice for London's creative people. They offer a range of services from basic to specialist support, on-line and face-to-face; seminars, workshops and, where appropriate, surgeries with IP lawyers. Website includes a general FAQs section for basic advice, information about upcoming Own-It events and lots of useful links. E: info@own-it.org Tel: 020 7514 7313</p>	
<p>MANUFACTURING SUPPORT AND FACILITIES</p>	
<p>Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment, Digital Manufacturing Centre</p>	<p>www.bartlett.ucl.ac.uk</p>
<p>Bartlett's new state-of-the-art digital manufacturing centre brings together two key technologies, and associated software solutions The centre services all the digital manufacturing requirements of the school and the UCL community, as well as providing a service to SMEs and micro-companies from within Greater London. E: dmc.bartlett@ucl.ac.uk</p>	
<p>Goldsmiths, University of London Business Development Office</p>	<p>www.gold.ac.uk/business-development</p>
<p>The Business Development Office help fund research through collaborative Knowledge Transfer initiatives. They are able to work with small to medium-sized enterprises to determine the areas of support that they need and to identify funding sources through a range of government programmes.</p>	
<p>Metropolitan Works</p>	<p>www.metropolitanworks.org</p>
<p>Part of London Metropolitan University, Metropolitan Works is London's leading Creative Industries Centre, helping designers and manufacturers develop ideas and bring new products to the marketplace through access to digital manufacturing, workshops, knowledge transfer, advice, courses and exhibitions. E: info@metropolitanworks.org Tel: 020 7320 1827</p>	
<p>Royal College Of Arts Rapidform</p>	<p>www.rca.ac.uk www.innovation.rca.ac.uk</p>
<p>Rapidform brings together the College's digital design, prototyping and manufacturing technologies and makes them available to small and medium-sized enterprises in the Greater London area, offering individual designers and design manufacturing companies in different disciplines access to a range of facilities through a bureau service. The department has Sensable Haptic Devices and Z Corp.™ hand-held laser scanning with scan registering and clean-up software. E: rapidform@rca.ac.uk</p>	
<p>Textiles Futures Research Group</p>	<p>www.tfrg.org.uk</p>
<p>The Textile Futures Research Group comprises researchers across Chelsea College of Art and Design, Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design, London College of Fashion, at the University of the Arts London. The remit of the Unit is to undertake a clearly focused range of textile related research that facilitates technology translation and convergence, improving the interface between science and design, the exploration of sustainability, the expansion of the textile product/applications, and the redefinition of cultural and aesthetic norms.</p>	