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Kick-starting a career
is hard.

Kick-starting a career
in the arts can be
even harder.

but all is not lost.



Ladders is aimed at helping 18-24 year olds like you, get a foot in the door.

Over the next 12 weeks, you'll be working with an industry mentor to develop your skills in either film, music or software development. You'll learn valuable employability skills, develop your CV, visit local companies, and build that all-important network.

Remember, this isn't a test. You won't be marked and you won't be graded.

It's about developing your skills and learning what you need, when you need it.

**YOUR
CAREER
YOUR
SKILLS**



You and nine others will spend 12 weeks on your part time creative course. For the first six weeks, you'll be developing your practical and technical skills in your chosen subject.

In the final six weeks, you'll be developing a project of your choice, this won't be marked and it doesn't need to be finished. Throughout the 12 weeks, will be a series of employability workshops, aimed at developing your CV, communication skills, interview technique and collaborative working ability, among other skills integral to employment.

At the end of the programme, you'll present your project in a final showcase.

music>>>
>>>>film
Software

Music

Whether you're looking to develop as an artist, or undertake a more behind the scenes role, your mentor, Sam Burt will guide you in the right direction.

Along with other music professionals, he'll guide you through the art of song writing, recording, producing, mixing, and managing.

You'll get to grips with the inner workings of recording studios, venues and labels while building your industry networks.

"I've been writing and producing music since I left school but thanks to the Ladders team, I've achieved a massive goal by producing my first track in the studio. The whole experience has been amazing, I now have contacts in the music industry and the confidence to write and record professionally"

Adam,
Musician

Film

“It was so inspiring to see the creative work that was happening in the region. We’ve met so many people, who’ve helped and supported us, and we wouldn’t have our business now if it wasn’t for Ladders”

Sisley and Peter,
Fandangle Films

If film and TV is your thing, then look no further. Your mentor, animator Chloe Rodham will help you hone your skills in screenwriting, storyboards, stop motion, sound and VFX.

You’ll visit local filmmakers and producers, before developing a film of your choosing, to be shown at the final showcase, and be used as part of your portfolio.

Software Development

The NE tech sector is booming, so there's never been a better time to begin learning code. Your mentor, Phil Jeffes will ensure you're fluent in the languages of the web, HTML, Javascript, CSS and Python before moving on to app development.

Get your foot on the ladder by making yourself known to our speakers, panellists and professionals on company visits.

"Ladders has been so useful, informing me massively on an industry I knew nothing about. It's hard to compare 3 years at University to a short course but in terms of transferable skills, Ladders has equipped me better. I'm far readier for work now"

Hannah,
Software Developer

Employability skills



The aim of Ladders is to help you better prepare for a job in the creative industries. Learning how to code, write or animate is great, but being able to conduct yourself in the workplace is imperative.

You'll need to expand on your communication, teamwork, organisational and professional skills, as well as develop your CV and online profiles. Luckily for you, we'll guide you through it all.



Find out more

To find out more about Ladders, and to register your interest, head over to our website: www.generator.org.uk/ladders.

The next cohort starts in Sunderland on 25 September 2017.

If you have any questions please email emma@generator.org.uk

Help and Advice

If things get a little overwhelming, or you need any support, 1-1 advice is available as and when you need it.

You'll be offered tutorials with your mentor to work on your projects and ideas, but employability and pastoral mentors will be on hand to give careers advice, mock interviews, or just a general confidence boost.

To organise a help and advice session contact chris@foundationfutures.org.uk



Travel and Bursaries

Ladders is designed to be as accessible as possible and we don't want you to be out of pocket, so travel bursaries are available for all sessions. We also encourage you to look for any relevant events out there and we'll pay for your ticket or transport. You must keep receipts though, or we can't reimburse you.

And even better, if you achieve 85% attendance over the Ladders course, you will be eligible to apply for a bursary of up to £500 for use on equipment, training, or anything else to help you on your way.

To arrange your bursary support,
contact chris@foundationfutures.org.uk



Enterprise and Business Support

Once your 12 weeks is over, you'll hopefully have a much clearer idea of the industry, and what you'd like to do. If freelancing or starting a business is in your line of sight, then let us help.

Our enterprise mentor, Lee will take you through everything you need to know, from financing to business plans, marketing to trend forecasting, along with regular insight from business coaches and professionals.

Any questions?
Contact your enterprise mentor Lee.
lee@thisiscreativeenterprise.com

Ladders Timetable

Schedule	Date	Music	Film & TV	Software
Induction afternoon - Welcome to Ladders	22/09/17 3-5pm	Software City	Software City	Software City
Introduction to your Creative Course	27/09/17 4-8pm	Software City	Software City	Software City
Skills development session	04/10/17 10-4pm	Miners Hall Studio	Sunderland Uni	Software City
Company visits (trip to Newcastle)	*11/10/2017 10-4pm	Newcastle Tours	Newcastle Tours	Newcastle Tours
Skills development session	18/10/2017 10-4pm	Miners Hall Studio	Sunderland Uni	Software City
Communication & Teamwork / Employer Engagement	^25/10/2017 11-6pm	Software City	Software City	Software City
Time Mgmt & Professional Skills / Skills Based CVs	^01/11/2017 11-6pm	Software City	Software City	Software City
Confidence & Life Skills / Online Presence & Promotion	^08/11/2017 11-6pm	Software City	Software City	Software City
Project Briefs	15/11/2017 4-8pm	Software City	Software City	Software City
Tutorials & Project Briefs	23/11/2017 10-6pm	Miners Hall Studio	Sunderland Uni	Software City
Project Briefs	29/11/2017 10-6pm	Miners Hall Studio	Sunderland Uni	Software City
Project Briefs	06/12/2017 10-6pm	Miners Hall Studio	Sunderland Uni	Software City
Final Presentation and next steps	13/12/2017 4-8pm	Software City	Software City	Software City

please note venues are subject to change

*Film/TV will be 10th October
 ^1-1 tutorials with creative
 course mentors also available