

# Next Steps @ TRGA

Your weekly Careers news!

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**Next Steps @ TRGA** is a weekly newsletter which aims to provide students at TRGA with useful careers information, advice and ideas for the future – stay tuned for more tips and information next week!

## Career of the week

This week – **Producer/Director**

**Tom Mallion**

**Self-Employed Documentary  
Producer/Director**



### Tell us a little about what you do...

My role as a producer/director can vary from job to job but predominantly it is to plan and oversee a film shoot. I'll establish the subject matter, hire the crew, write scripts and organise locations. It is then a case of making sure everyone arrives on time and you stay on track during the shooting day. I'll then often take the footage back into the edit and work with an editor to create the finished piece.

### What's the best thing about your job?

Every job is different - when making documentaries, you get to meet and tell so many stories that you never know where the next film is going to take you. I've even had jobs where you set out to make one film, but because of the people you meet, you end up following a completely different path. As the producer/director it is your job to decide, as the action is unfolding, what is relevant and what is going to make the most interesting and compelling footage.

### What sort of challenges do you face?

I know I said the fact every job is different is the best thing, but it can also cause the biggest challenges because you are constantly battling with new permissions, gaining new access etc. One of the biggest challenges is crewing up correctly and choosing the right equipment – the first time you might meet a crew is on the morning of a shoot, so you need to very quickly get them up to speed on the job and make sure they are prepared for the day ahead.

### What skills, qualifications or experience do you need to get into this industry?

Learning from other people and listening to feedback on your own work. I'm very proud to have worked my way up to where I am now, it's by no means the top but I am comfortable in the knowledge that I've put in a lot of hours learning from people to get to my current position. Having made countless cups of tea on film sets to editing until 4am, now in my role as producer/director it's that grounding that enables a crew to trust your judgement and belief in how things should be done. Filmmaking is as much about common sense as it is qualifications but university gives you a good grounding and can help you to hone your skills as a filmmaker.

Gain as much experience in different fields as you can; playing the student card gets you in a lot more doors than you think so use that time to understand what career you want to go for.

**What advice would you give to someone wanting to get into this type of work?**

### I want to know more about...

Got a job or career area you'd like to find out more about that we haven't featured in the newsletter yet?

Let us know by coming and speaking to **Mr. Webb** in the **Careers Room** (Room 203)!

### Monday Morning inspiration:

*"It does not matter how slowly you go, as long as you do not stop".*

*Confucius*

Need some support with your future plans?

*Speak to your Careers Adviser!*



You can find **Mr. Webb** in the Careers Room (203) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at breaks or lunchtimes if you have any questions!

Email: [careers@ruthgorse.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:careers@ruthgorse.leeds.sch.uk)

**For more info on similar careers, check out the links below:**

[https://creativeskillset.org/job\\_roles/294\\_director\\_tv](https://creativeskillset.org/job_roles/294_director_tv)

[https://creativeskillset.org/job\\_roles/757\\_producer](https://creativeskillset.org/job_roles/757_producer)

# Keeping it local!



Stay up-to-date with some of the education, training and work opportunities in the Leeds City Region:



## Careers-related news from TRGA and the local area!

### Year 10 and 11 – After-school opportunities with the Hunslet Club Autumn/Spring Term!

Looking for an opportunity to learn something new outside of school?

From September 2018, *The Hunslet Club* have been running a project for local young people involving training in a variety of vocational subjects:

- Plumbing
- Joinery
- Car Mechanics
- Plastering
- Catering
- Hairdressing
- Beauty Therapy
- Bike Mechanics

The courses will run on **Monday evenings** from **4pm-6pm**, are completely **free** and will result in a **BTEC L1 qualification**.

Please see **Mr. Webb** in **Room 203** for more details!

### MOOC of the WEEK!

A **MOOC**, or Massive Open Online Course, is a type of online education programme that people of any age can access through the internet, often for free!

This week's **MOOC of the Week** gives you the opportunity to learn how the police use Forensic Science to collect evidence like fingerprints that can then be used in a court of law – check it out!

OpenLearn



<http://www.open.edu/openlearn/science-maths-technology/science/health-sciences/forensic-science-and-fingerprints/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>



### Courses

There are lots of different qualifications and courses available at schools and colleges around the local area, from A-levels to vocational qualifications like BTECs!

You can also visit some of these websites for more information...



UCAS  
Progress

hotcourses



### Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships involve training in an industry while working for an employer – this could be in anything from Animal Care to Law! As well as getting paid for the work they do, apprentices also complete a qualification with a college or training provider and can be a good option for students who don't want to stay in full-time education after 16!

You can also visit some of these websites for more information...



The Apprenticeship  
Guide



### volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to gain work experience in lots of different environments – you may need to be 16+ or 18+ for some of the opportunities available but because you are giving your time for free, you can do this type of work experience whenever you have the time to commit!

You can also visit some of these websites for more information...

vInspired

Do-it



You can also visit some of these websites for more information...

Getting a part-time job can help you to develop valuable work skills, like Communication, Problem Solving and Motivation and also help you earn money!

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