

DESIGNER FORUM

Supporting the business of fashion & textiles

Specialist CAD Training



The Designer Forum, in partnership with Web4design Ltd, offers a fantastic CAD training service all delivered on a bespoke basis from foundation to advanced levels, either in-house or within our professional training facilities in Nottingham.

We aim to assist in developing your design team's skills using industry standard software, with these courses helping to increase the quality & efficiency of your designers' boards, illustrations, presentations & design packs.

To date our courses have been well-received from freelance designers to large retail design teams as part of a comprehensive training package with leading companies such as Tesco, Adams, Claire's, Bank, La Senza, Mamas & Papas, Crystal Martin International, Ballet International, Cohen & Wilkes, Maclaren Europe plus many more, all being successfully trained over the last 1-2 years.

Unlike other generic providers, our trainers have over 10 years of commercial industry experience delivering bespoke training sessions that really match a designer's day-to-day requirements and can cover particular product areas, creating dynamic presentations, & upgrade training.

Training is available within any of the following software packages:

- Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, or InDesign
- Corel Draw or Designer
- Microsoft PowerPoint

Sample course content for Adobe® Photoshop® one day course

General content includes:

- Tool / palette introduction, scanning images, image adjustments, using layers, using filters, etc.

Specialist fashion & textiles content includes:

- Creating prints, creating stripes, garment sketching, weave simulation, presentation boards, etc.

Sample course content for Adobe® Illustrator® one day course

General content includes:

- Interface introduction, vector / raster comparisons, using key tools, using vector lines and stitches, using layers, creating brushes, etc.

Specialist fashion & textiles content includes:

- Garment sketching, creating patterns, illustration techniques, etc.

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Course Timings:

Monday – Friday 9.30am – 5pm

A buffet lunch & refreshments will be provided. Candidates will receive a set of course notes to support the training session.

Commercial Course Costs:

CAD training courses (for up to 3 people) cost £550 + VAT per day delivered at the Designer Forum & £700 + VAT for off-site / own premises.

Dates:

The dates for commercial training sessions are open all year round and are booked on the availability of you and the trainer. Once you have reserved a place on the training course you'll be put in direct contact with the trainer who will discuss your requirements for the day.

Telephone Support:

Our training partner Web4Design Ltd also offer additional support to you, the designer, after the training sessions. Their expertise covers Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and Indesign, Corel Designer & Fashion Studio along with helping you setup colour management solutions (Our Colour™) for print related issues affecting quality and colour of your artwork. As well as providing support in case these programs malfunction, having used these products on a daily basis they can often answer those "how can I do...?" and "why does this happen?" questions.



For those that have undertaken commercial training courses via Designer Forum can access this service at a discounted cost of £150 + VAT per year, subject to conditions.

Individual Course Costs:

New for 2008, the Designer Forum is offering group-training sessions for individuals & students. Each month we will be offering one-day Photoshop and one-day Illustrator training on a group basis. The training will be delivered to a set brief for each package with up to 10 attendees per session.

Students:

£150 + VAT per day or £250 + Vat both sessions

Individuals:

£200 + VAT per day or £350 + Vat both sessions

Booking:

To make a booking please call 0115 9115339, or email stefan@design-online.net.

We accept cheques and credit / debit card payments. Invoices can be raised on request.