



Job Title: Senior User Experience Designer
Division: BBC Design & Engineering – UX&D
Base: London
Grade: 8D

About the BBC User Experience & Design (UX&D) team

We design the BBC's amazing digital experiences, from apps to websites, from iPlayer to CBeebies.

Our ace team of UX designers, architects and researchers collaborate closely with product, editorial and technical teams from across the BBC. Together we create elegant, delightful (not to mention award-winning) digital experiences on mobile, tablet, desktop and TV across 10 digital products: BBC Homepage, Search, News, Sport, Weather, Knowledge & Learning, CBeebies, CBBC, iPlayer and Radio & Music.

About you

Your portfolio's full of consistently great work across different screens, be they mobile, connected TV, tablet or desktop. Now you're ready to take all that experience and expertise and use it to inspire others.

Yes, you can craft delightful designs. But you know improving user experiences isn't just about grafting away at the drawing board. You take a broader view – approaching design conceptually and thinking about the whole experience across multiple screens.

You might tend towards wireframes, user flows and personas. Or layout, colour and typography. And maybe you've got something special up your sleeve, like you're a top illustrator, motion graphic designer or prototype builder. Our team's made up of a diverse range of people, skills and experience, so we'd love to hear about you and yours.

Whether you learned your skills on a design degree or on the job, you're comfortable using them to explain design concepts to anyone, no matter how senior or inexperienced. And you know how to balance what the user needs with what's really achievable.

You're enthusiastic, curious and full of ideas. You keep up to speed with the latest design trends and technology developments. And you're constantly fascinated by what people really need, and how we can create the right experience to give it to them.

Day-to-day responsibilities

In a typical day, you can expect to:

- Be the voice of UX in project teams, explaining your design rationale to developers, editorial staff and product managers.
- Collaborate with other members of UX&D to get to the heart of what our users need, creating sketches, concepts, user journeys, wireframes and navigational prototypes.
- Inspire and encourage UX&D colleagues to create coherent user experiences across multiple screens.
- Lead the development of the visual and interaction elements of BBC user experiences, refining them towards a polished design, considering typography, iconography, layout and brand identity along the way.
- Line manage, mentor and develop colleagues, inspiring them to new creative heights.
- Art direct the work of other designers and inspire them with your own work.
- Work with people across UX&D to make sure we're making the most of the BBC's Global Experience Language.
- Instigate projects and prioritise your own workload.
- Guide the work of external agencies and freelancers to learn new things, see new perspectives and create new ideas.
- Help organise formal user research and proactively try out ideas and designs with people on the street to make sure we're meeting real user needs.
- Do all this with a view to achieving a single, seamless service on all screens across all BBC products.

Competencies

For this job, you need to be able to:

Communicate

- Use a range of techniques to influence and adapt to situations
- Handle objections and challenge them constructively
- Deliver difficult messages effectively

Think creatively and analytically

- Simplify complex issues
- Gather and quickly distil information from a range of stakeholders
- Find innovative solutions

Strive to learn

- Pursue and embrace development opportunities for yourself
- Be willing to accept new challenges to stretch your abilities
- Mentor/coach less experienced people
- Spot development opportunities for your colleagues and actively offer support

Manage relations and teamwork

- Create and nurture strong relationships internally and externally
- Play an active part in team working
- Build bridges where they may not have existed before
- Treat people courteously
- Flex your communication style depending on whom you're working with

Strive for results

- Give that little bit extra
- Take ownership and responsibility
- Make a sustained effort

Be resilient and flexible

- Look for and embrace new ways of doing things
- Stay positive

Plan and organise

- Set clear challenges and targets for your team
- Prioritise demand to make good use of resources
- Deal with issues effectively