

3 Easy Ways to Get Paid for Doing What You Love

How to turn your work into a vocation

How many people do you know who actually love what they do and get paid for it? To many people this seems like an impossible dream and something that only happens to a lucky few. Over 85% of the population is stuck in unfulfilling work, weighed down by their responsibilities, fears and limiting beliefs. What a waste of their one, precious life!

Imagine spending each day doing what you're passionate about. What would it be like to be immersed in something that's important to you? Even better, notice how you would feel to be paid for it. Being paid for what you love not only puts food on your table and a roof over your head, it validates that what you're doing is valuable to others. Chances are, if you love what you do, you are also great at it because you willingly invest your time, energy and money in being the best you can be at it.

If you harbor a dream of being paid for doing what you love and would like to make it happen, read on.

1. Get Clear About Your Passions and Priorities

This includes clarifying what's truly important to you and what you really care about. Imagine you're a happy and fulfilled 90 year old, with no regrets, writing your obituary. What do you want to be remembered for and what kind of difference do you want to make?

Take out a piece of paper and list 3 great achievements over your lifetime that you are immensely proud of. Now look at each one in turn and identify what is it about this achievement that's important to you – why did you care enough to invest your time, energy and money fulfilling this purpose? What particular need did this achievement meet for you?

Once you are clear about your passions and priorities, it's time to do your research.

2. Discover The Opportunities Surrounding Your Priorities

This is a time-consuming but all important step that uncovers what's possible in your chosen field/s. Research the internet, people you know and people they know, articles and publications.

- What markets, industries, organizations and individuals are already working in this area?
- Which companies are market leaders in the field and why?
- What type of roles exist and what type of people are filling them?
- What problems and challenges are faced by those who buy products and services in this area?
- What are the gaps in the market (ie where no products or services currently exist) and what are the commercial opportunities?
- What skills, knowledge, expertise and experience do you have to offer?

Use these questions and more of your own to unearth commercial opportunities and do your 'due diligence' about what will and won't meet your financial needs. Determine how long it will take to make your vocation



viable and set a realistic time. Together with an 'interim' plan (that may include working part time in your current job for a while), this will help you transition easily to your dream job.

3. Address Your Gaps

Now is the time to look at your current situation and 'confront your reality'. Knowing what exists and is needed from Step 2 will help you identify gaps in your own skills, knowledge and experience.

What will you need to know and be able to do to be successful? Learning how others have become successful and achieved similar goals is an easy way to identify and fill the gap between you and your desired future.

Include the all important 'inner resources' you'll need to pursue your chosen path and succeed. My client, Renee, dreamt of having the time to pursue her love of painting and have enough money to live on.

A talented artist, she'd been painting for years and has a unique talent. However, she also held one, strong limiting belief that was keeping her stuck in her job as a bank manager. Renee feared that if she turned her hobby into her profession, she would no longer enjoy it, with the satisfaction of painting overshadowed by the commercial need to make money from it. Through P2R Career Development coaching, she developed the belief that being paid for her art is external validation of the value and joy she brings to those who appreciate it. Two years on, Renee is now earning more than she was as a bank manager; has established an enviable reputation and waiting list of commissions and her work has trebled in value.

Learn how to recognize the beliefs that will sustain you and eliminate those which are keeping you stuck. Prioritise your gaps and take steps to fill them. If you want to start your own business but have never done this before, this could include doing a small business course and engaging a coach. If you want to transition to a new industry, organization or role, find out what it will take to do this successfully.

Being paid for doing what you love is a journey and it's important to enjoy the challenge of getting there as much as the destination. You don't have to know or have mastered everything to get started. There will be many bumps in the road along the way and overcoming them will give you the skills and resilience to succeed in your chosen vocation.

Remember, you only have one life and staying stuck in an unfulfilling job will have you looking back as a 90 year old saying, "if only I had ...". So, what you waiting for? It's time to kickstart your Career Change by feeding your passions and going after the opportunities that exist within them.

If you dream of doing what you love and getting paid for it but aren't sure how to go about it, contact [Possibility to Reality](#) today to create the future you want.