

## CAREERS CORNER

**Name:**

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**Position:**

Interior Designer, Feng  
Shui Consultant & Trainer

**How did you get involved in your profession?**

Our family's business involved refurbishing and remodeling properties, which I was involved in from a young age. When I studied interior design I became interested in the energies in the home and workplace and how both affect the way we think and feel. Eight years ago I began studying Feng Shui and eventually found a Chinese Master to train under. By 2000 I had set up my own design company which specialises in combining the principles of Feng Shui with interior design.

**What does your job involve?**

- Liaison with clients and suppliers, tradesmen and craftsmen, students and educational bodies
- PR and marketing, administration and finance
- Design Projects - planning, measurements and designs of interiors. Entails detailed drawings, electrical plans, samples, concept boards, quotations, costings, etc.
- Looking after client budgets and some negotiations on their behalf
- Designing or reviewing the design of new buildings and remodeling existing buildings based on Feng Shui principles to improve the design or layout
- Delivering training courses, holding clinic sessions and giving presentations to groups
- 'Home Makeover Day' with clients
- Feng Shui consultations of people's homes
- Working with businesses to positively transform their image, premises, shop layout and product display, staff and customer relations, etc.
- 'Shopping Day' with clients or shopping on their behalf

**What are the advantages of your job?**

Working with beautiful things and meeting people from all walks of life and knowing I have made a positive difference to their lives. Empowering people by educating and informing them about good design and décor, and by creating awareness about the correct principles of Feng Shui and the importance of its use.

**What are the disadvantages?**

- Sometimes long and unsociable hours
- A lot of responsibility and pressure due to tight timeframes and schedules
- Carrying heavy weights (such as rolls of fabrics or curtains) or lifting heavy items

**What advice would you give to young people who want to pursue this career?**

Combining imagination with practicality is a very important and a good designer must be capable of meeting the criteria set by a client to reflect their personality, tastes, needs or preferences. This is a career that requires patience, dedication, responsibility and commitment. Be prepared to spend time doing mundane tasks as well as more rewarding work. It may be wise to specialise in a particular area.