# SCOTLAND'S DESIGN INSIDERS

A snapshot of in-house design in Scotland



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# INTRODUCTION

We are living through a boom time for in-house design. With growth in design employment outstripping the wider economy, there are now 1.69 million people employed in design roles in the UK; the vast majority of which are working in-house within organisations in nondesign sectors (Design Council, 2018).

In Scotland, evidence illustrates a similar picture to the UK as a whole; with some 137,800 people, or 5.2% of overall employment, in design occupations. Furthermore, with 9% average annual growth in total turnover over the past 10 years, the design industry in Scotland has been the fastest growing sub-sector of the Creative Industries (Scottish Government, 2019). With the Creative Industries highlighted as one of the Scottish Government's priority 'growth sectors' (Scottish Government, 2015) it seems these trends are anticipated to continue.

Despite the mounting evidence base of the growth of the design economy and the value it creates at both macro and microeconomic levels there has been little large scale work to understand the burgeoning ranks of individual designers working within organisations: Who are they, where do they work and what type of roles do they have?

'Scotland's Design Insiders' is part of an on-going project to shine a light on the population of in-house designers working across the public, private and third sectors in Scotland. It is intended as a starting point for conversation, community connection and continued research.

Following the publication of our first batch of research into Scotland's top 500 private sector companies (Aitchison, Steiner, Dunne, 2019), this report extends our work to include 226 public sector organisations and provides frameworks for understanding the range of in-house roles and the ways these are concentrated in different organisational contexts.

# SCOTLAND'S IN-HOUSE DESIGN ROLES

There are over 2.5 million people employed across the private and public sectors in Scotland, split 80/20 respectively (Scottish Government, 2018). Identifying those with design roles among this population is admittedly no easy task.

Studies to date, like the Design Council's 'Designing the Future Economy' report, (2018) have tended to analyse design occupations and design-intensive industries using existing frameworks such as the Office for National Statistics' Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) codes and Standard Industry Classification (SIC) codes, using national annual business surveys to gather large scale data sets for analysis.

While robustly conceived of and developed, these do not necessarily provide the best means to capture the ever-changing job titles and scope of contemporary specialised design roles, nor have they been used widely to date to identify and analyse designers working in-house within the public sector.

To counter these limitations, this work takes a pragmatic approach. Firstly, in scoping the research, a sample of organisations (see Appendix) was selected that represents a range of organisations across the private and public sectors: from Scotland's top 500 private sector companies (Business Insider, 2018) and 226 public sector organisations identified in Scotland (Scottish Government, 2018). Secondly, this project works with publicly accessible data on job titles: by performing an organisation-by-organisation search of social networking site LinkedIn to record the incidence of employees with design-related job titles in 726 organisations. Thirdly, our analysis takes a 'grounded' approach; working from the data gathered to develop a framework of design role types that best reflects the job title data gathered, providing an up-to-date way of analysing the state of our in-house design nation.

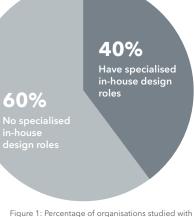
# THE IN-HOUSE DESIGN POPULATION

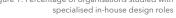
From searching all 726 organisations across public and private sector organisations a total of 2,256 specialised design roles were identified and classified.

From this research it was found that 40 per cent of the top 500 private sector companies in Scotland have employees performing specialist in-house design roles. Although these in-house roles are found across all sectors of the economy, companies in energy production, financial services, IT and extraction industries are more likely to have designers in in-house roles than those in other sectors.

In the public sector, it was again found that 40 per cent of the 226 public bodies studied have in-house design jobs; with greatest concentration found in the executive agencies of the Scottish Government, together with Scotland's 32 Local Authorities, 16 Health boards and other health bodies, along with the various non-departmental public bodies at arms length from the government but with responsibility for carrying out functions on their behalf.

Interestingly, 60 per cent of organisations studied in both private and public sector do not employ any designers; representing a significant opportunity for introduction, education and development.

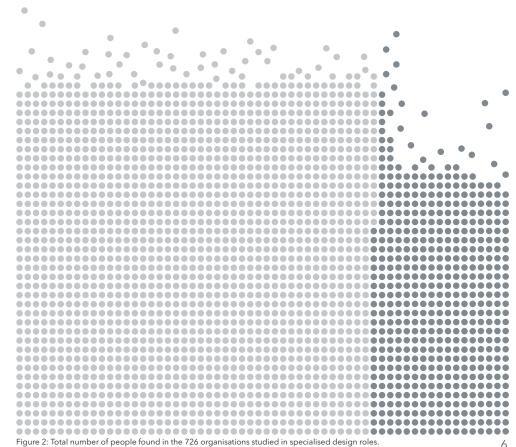




# 2,256

Estimated number of people in specialised design roles in the 726 organisations researched.

Private sector



# **18 DESIGN ROLE TYPES**

Taking a bottom-up 'grounded' approach, hundreds of different job titles were identified from the 2,256 designers researched; these job titles were then coded, grouped and structured into 18 types of inhouse design roles, with each representing a collection of job titles.

To describe the range of abilities and disciplines of design represented by these role types, an adapted version of Richard Buchanan's 'Four Orders of Design' framework (Buchanan, 1998) was used to structure them into four macro categories. By analysing job titles in this way from easily accessible data sources it has been possible to survey and frame a broad landscape of contemporary in-house design practice.

#### **Communications** Signs, words and images

The largest category of design role types. Jobs in this category fall into two distinct types: those graphic designers or illustrators with specialist jobs in visual design, and those involved in broader forms of communications design; from content and brand design, through to design for online and social media content, UX writing and sound or voice design.

#### **Products** Physical and digital objects

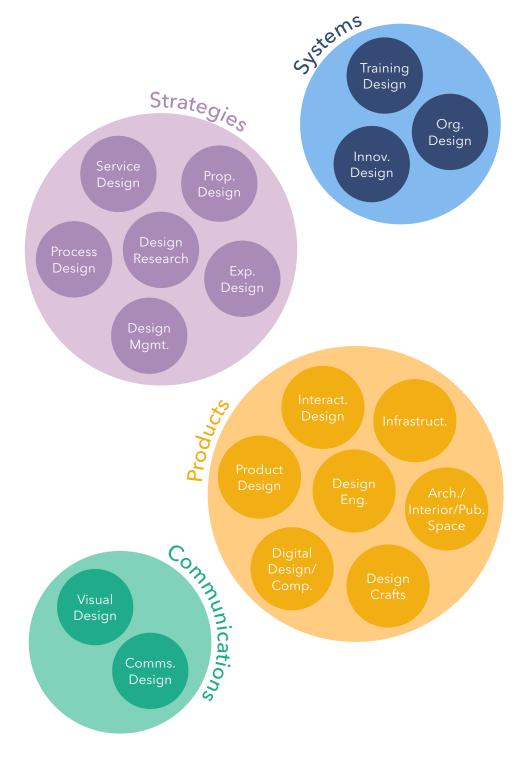
A highly diverse category of design role types, representing the full spectrum of design specialisms. Although including many of the historic mainstays of the design profession, from industrial design or design engineering, to the crafts of textile and fashion design; the most common roles types are those in digital design and interaction design.

#### Strategies Activities, services and processes

While not reshaping products themselves, designers in these types have a large impact on how organisations deliver their services, products and propositions. Representing a wide range of roles, this includes both broad user-focussed roles in service and experience design along with more specialist user research jobs, and specialist design managers of complex multi-disciplinary work.

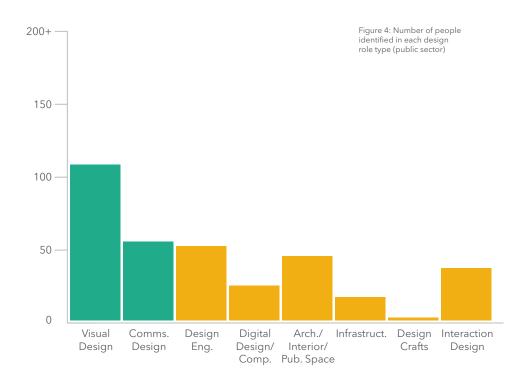
#### Systems Operations, environments and values

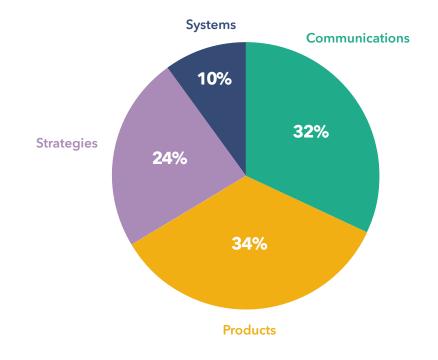
A relatively homogeneous grouping of design role types, this category represents a new frontier as designers apply their nous to the operations and culture of organisations. Design roles fall into three types: those working in design-led process and change management roles; those specialising in organisational design or human resource roles in a design context; to those in internal education and training roles.

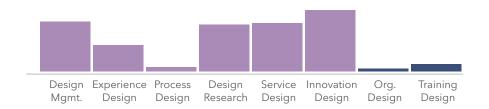


# PUBLIC SECTOR ROLE TYPES

The public sector in Scotland is a complex landscape of organisations: including the wide range of devolved parliamentary, governmental, civil service and government sponsored but 'arms length' public bodies; and a range of 'reserved' UK public sector functions with a presence in Scotland. Notably, while the Scottish Government has the largest number and widest range of design roles today there are also significant concentrations within Scotland's Local Authorities and regional NHS Health Boards.

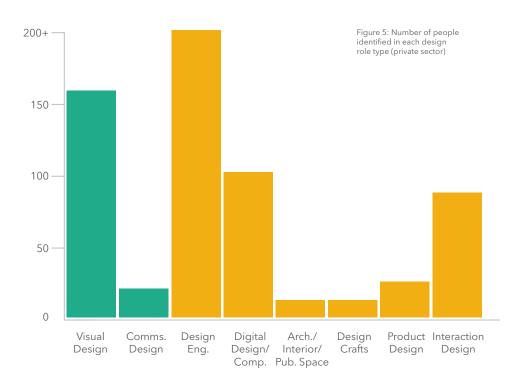


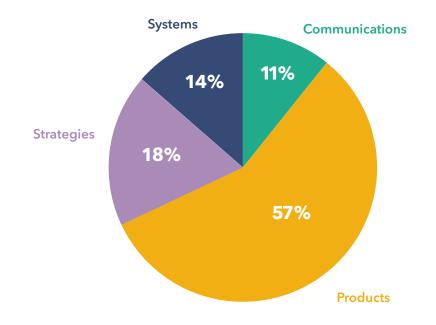


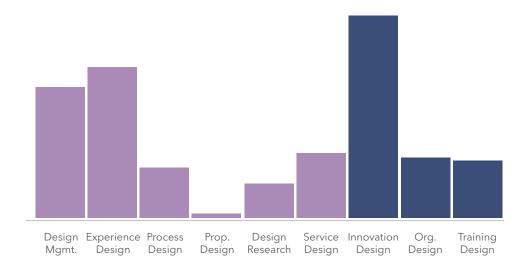


# PRIVATE SECTOR ROLE TYPES

With a range of global players in financial services, energy, engineering and food and drinks sectors reporting multi-billion pound turnovers and tens of thousands of staff the top 10 companies in Scotland are in rude health. Beyond these behemoths, the remaining 490 companies studied represent a diverse and prospering industrial base encompassing established industries such as construction, retail and transportation, together with emerging global players in media, software and life sciences.







# PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR COMPARISON

With 1,737 and 519 design jobs analysed in the private and public sectors respectively, calculating a weighted percentage breakdown of each design role type was necessary to allow comparison of the relative concentration of design role types across both sectors (see opposite).

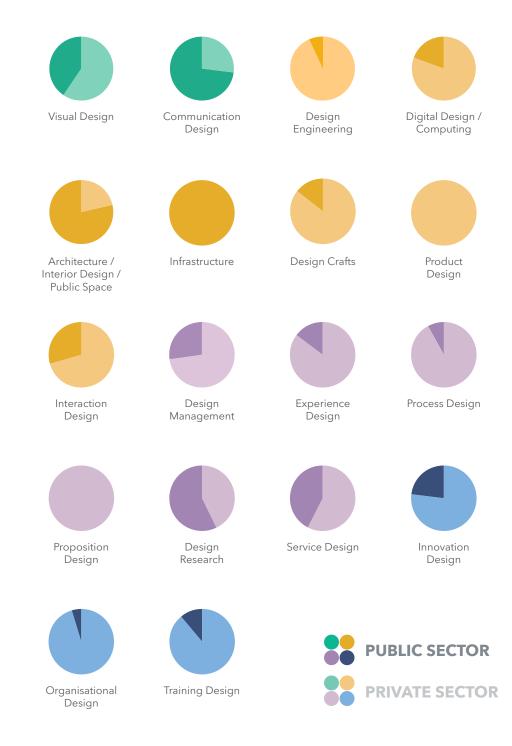
Looking through the lens of communications, products, strategies and systems highlights a number of areas of similarity and difference.

At the level of communications a much higher concentration of design roles is found within the public sector, driven by the need for public bodies to inform and engage with citizens about policies and services.

Private sector design roles dominate the products category as the need for businesses to improve their product and service offerings is essential to their survival in the marketplace. The exceptions to this trend are in design roles concerning the built environment (architecture, interior design, public space) and infrastructure where public sector bodies, and Local Authorities in particular, have a civic responsibility for design that has no equivalent in the private sector organisations studied.

At the level of strategies there is more complex picture. While there is a greater concentration of design roles in design management, experience design and proposition design in the private sector; there are also significant centres of expertise in design research and service design in the public sector, driven by the Scottish Government's expanded design function and trickle down to Local Authorities.

Finally, as far as the systems-focussed design roles are concerned, there is are relatively more jobs in the private sector overall; perhaps reflecting the relatively numerous large design functions in the private sector which through their size create more complex needs.



# DESIGN FUNCTION ARCHETYPES

With in-house design in Scotland quantified and categorised, we wanted to understand how these organisations' use of design compares and varies across variables such as industry and organisational size, as well public and private sectors. Through analysis of the number, spread and concentrations of design roles within organisations, we were able to uncover a selection of reoccurring patterns that point towards typical configurations of in-house design functions in Scotland.

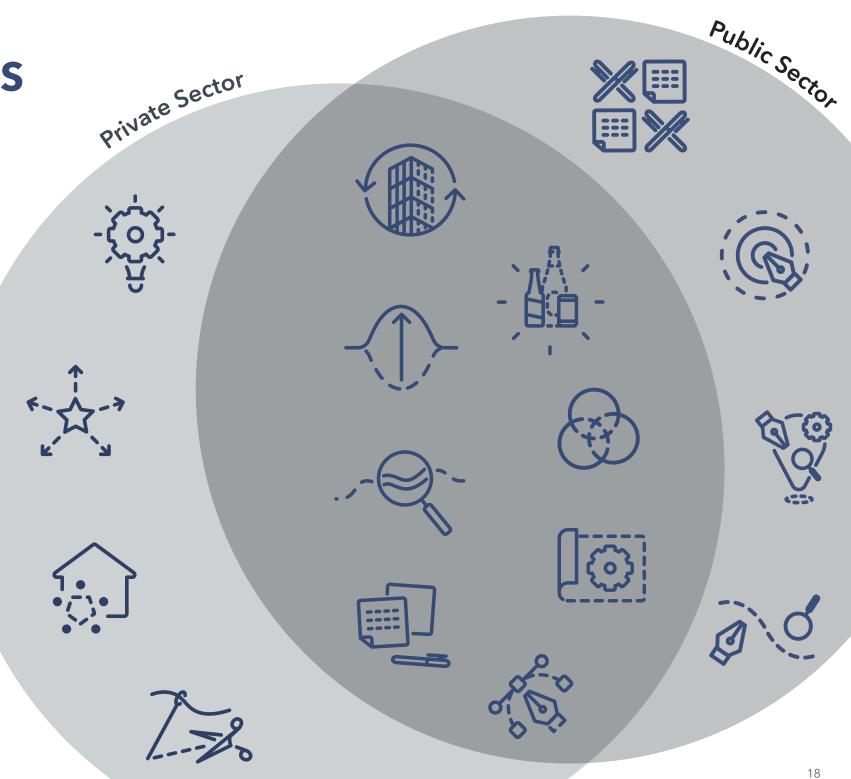
From 290 organisations with design roles in Scotland, we identified 16 archetypical design function configurations—each representing a cluster of organisations who sport similar numbers and concentrations of in-house design roles, typically with analogous organisational design challenges to tackle. The archetype functions range in size from the design powerhouses, scores of design roles strong, right down to the solo-practitioner bearing the torch for design single-handedly.

# **ARCHETYPES BY SECTOR**

Of the 16 archetypes identified, eight have examples across both public and private sectors. Four archetypes have been found only in the private sector and another four relate only to public sector organisations.

The following pages describe each archetype in turn-providing information on their sector relevance, function size range, organisation types, role type overview and a speculative summary of associated key leadership challenges,

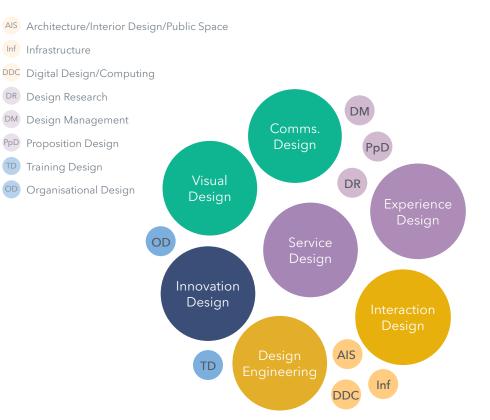
For a summary of the archetypes, see page 51.





PRIVATE PUBLIC Design function size Number of design roles in organisations with this archetype:

30-189 4-55



# THE DESIGN TRANSFORMERS

The heavyweight of design function configurations. Predominantly seen within established service sectors like financial services and energy supply; these design battalions are found in incumbent industry behemoths attempting to transform both their offer and operating models in the face of emerging competition, evolving customer expectations and shifting regulatory landscapes. Similarly ambitious and wide ranging design formations can be seen across the public sector, but example functions are typically smaller in numbers, with the exception of the expansive and expanding Scottish Government design apparatus. Whether public or private sector, design here is tasked with rewiring an organisation from the inside out. While all share a design-led transformation agenda, examples vary between centralised and decentralised models: Centralisers gather design, innovation, and transformation capabilities into an internal centre of expertise; and their decentralised counterparts embed this expertise into the relevant departments and/or business units.

### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

**Private Sector:** Energy providers, Financial Services, Digital Service providers **Public Sector:** Executive Agencies, Executive Non-departmental Bodies, Health Bodies,Non-ministerial Offices, Scottish Local Authorities

### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How can large centralised design teams best position their expertise relative to other internal teams and external consulting agencies, who also lay claim to the transformation agenda?

How can decentralised teams complement their proximity to decision makers with the ability to share best practices with other pockets of design practice in the organisation?

How can multiple design career paths be created to allow team members to develop in either managerial or creative specialist routes of progression?

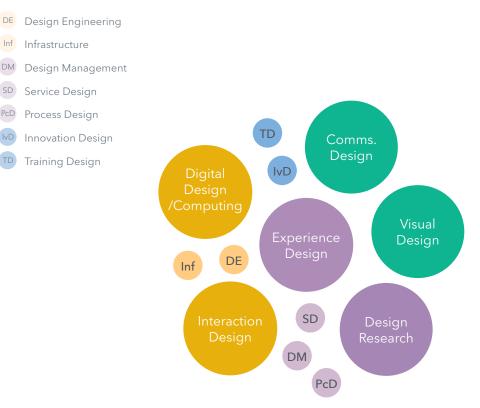


PUBLIC Design function size Number of design roles in organisations with this archetype:

DM

PcD

3-23



# THE EXPERIENCE **OPTIMISERS**

The design champions in the age of customer experience. Bearing some similarities to Design Transformers, but generally on a smaller scale, these design functions typically play a key role in driving continuous user journey improvement. In the private sector, these configurations are almost exclusively found in mature service industries like utilities companies, broadcasters, and banks - the design configurations helping such organisations compete on experience. Prevalent across the public sector too, examples can be seen across nationalised utilities and other public facing organisation where services are multi-channel and digital touch-points are of particular importance. All such teams likely have a hand in ensuring customer interactions remain relevant as digital landscapes shift, while also being responsible for maintaining existing digital touch-points to a high standard.

### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How can design efforts be kept coherent across the organisation to ensure a consistent customer journey?

How can technical development teams be influenced and empowered to work in a more customer-centric way when design teams are outnumbered?

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

Private Sector: Energy, Utilities, Financial Services, Broadcasting Public Sector: Executive agencies, Executive non-departmental bodies, UK non-ministerial departments, Health bodies

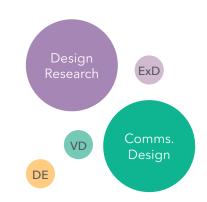




PRIVATE PUBLIC Design function size Number of design roles in organisations with this archetype:



- /D Visual Design
- DE Design Engineering
- ExD Experience Design



# THE DESIGN RESEARCHERS

The investigative drivers of organisational user-centricity. These configurations typically pair specialist, in-house user research capabilities with one other sector-specific design role. While generally small in size, these functions play a key role in informing front-end design processes-typically helping highly technically competent organisations inject greater user empathy and understanding into innovation efforts.

### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How and where should design research resources be deployed within organisations many orders of magnitude bigger than the in-house team?

How does design bridge the gap between research and organisational action–ensuring research doesn't just produce reports that gather dust?

How do design researchers shift the culture of their organisation to be more user-focused, and engage colleagues in the user research process?

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

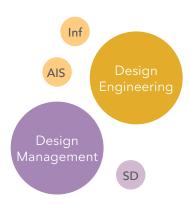
**Private Sector:** Manufacturing, Retail, Transportation **Public Sector:** Executive agencies, Scottish Parliament and associated bodies, Non-ministerial offices, Health Bodies



PRIVATE PUBLIC Design function size Number of design roles in organisations with this archetype:



- AIS Architecture/Interior Design/Public Space
- Inf Infrastructure
- Service Design



# THE DESIGNGINEERS

The exclusive and sizable design engineers club. Common among companies concerned with installing, developing, or maintaining machinery and technological installations in construction, infrastructure, and transportation industries, these specialist engineering design functions are responsible for initiating the design process—either internally, with clients, or both. Similar engineering-focused design functions in the public sector feature in a handful of local authorities, as well as a several nationalised transportation infrastructure organisations. Acting as a bridge between project needs and specialist engineering teams, design expertise in these organisations is channelled towards delivering and improving existing services—likely not concerned with scoping and shaping any future offering (as is seen with Engineering Innovators).

### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How can an effective internal-project fee structure help these organisations make most efficient use of limited design engineer time?

How can design engineers best stay up to date with evolving industry standards, regulations, techniques, methods, and trends while staying on top of day-to-day business?

How can team capacity be flexed to quickly respond to variable company needs?

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

**Private Sector:** Manufacturing, Construction, Infrastructure, Transportation **Public Sector:** Executive agencies, UK non-ministerial bodies, Local authorities, Public corporations







Communication Design

# Visual Design CD Innovation Design

# THE BRAND INNOVATORS

The ambitious champions of brand excellence and design-led change. Seen most commonly in the private sector within alcoholic beverage manufacturers—but also in other food/drinks brands, as well as the occasional retailer—these extra-small design functions have a foot in both execution and innovation. Designers in these organisations play an important role in managing and maintaining brand identity, while also developing the business proposition and portfolio—framing how the company diversifies and fuels its new product development pipeline. Examples of similar configurations can also be seen in a small number of health bodies within the public sector—'brand' presumably of less of focus here—where design plays a role in both visual communication and innovation instigation.

### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How can an effective innovation function and culture be developed in organisations where responsibility for innovation has historically sat with founders/owners?

How can innovation within the organisation be moved from an informal, ad-hoc activity to a rigorous, professionalised process supported by organisation-wide capability?

How can designers help ensure a rapidly growing product portfolio makes sense to retailers and consumers?

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

**Private Sector:** Food and Drink, Manufacturing, Retailers **Public Sector:** Health bodies



Design function size Number of design roles in organisations with this archetype:

PUBLIC

1-4



# THE VISUAL DESIGNERS

The graphic design ninjas. With similarities to the In-house Agency model, but on a smaller (often single-practitioner) scale, these graphicsorientated design functions cater for the day-to-day communications need of companies across sectors including retail, professional services, and hospitality, as well as various public sector bodies. These organisations' design needs are likely characterised by a constant demand for professional, quality content and collateral across customer touch-points-making on-site capabilities a necessity. These designers are also likely to be heavily involved in helping produce effective internal communications-applying their expertise to things like annual reports, intranets, corporate identities, and the employee experience.

## Visual Design CD

### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How can the perceived value and strategic role of designers in the organisation be increased, breaking free from their perceived status as PowerPoint stylists?

How can design efforts be focused on where they can make most impact, when in-house visual design time is perceived of as free?

How can structure be brought to the design-briefing processto unlock efficiency and effective prioritisation?

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

**Private Sector:** Tourism, Hospitality, Retail **Public Sector:** Executive non-departmental bodies, UK non-ministerial bodies, Local authorities, Health bodies



Design function size Number of design roles in organisations with this archetype:

PUBLIC

1-2



THE LONE INNOVATION RANGERS

The chief internal agitators of product and service innovation. Occurring across a breadth of industries—food and drink, engineering services, oil and gas, agriculture, professional services, consumer packaged goods, and a number public sector bodies—these future-facing provocateurs put up a brave one- (or occasionally two-) person fight against organisational stagnation. Likely initiating, managing, and facilitating new product development, service improvement efforts and future pipeline scoping, these individuals act as a bridge to join the dots between marketing and R&D departments, balancing customer needs with technical capabilities and business viability.

Innovation Design

### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How can the continued relevance of a organisations' offerings be ensured in the face of tired old "this is the way things are done around here" mentalities?

How can colleagues across departments and business units be best empowered to create fertile ground for collaboration and knowledge sharing?

How can a more structured approach to innovation be best initiated to help align departments to new ways of working?

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

**Private Sector:** Food and drink, Engineering services, Oil and gas, Agriculture, Professional Services, Consumer packaged goods

**Public Sector:** Executive agencies, Health bodies, Executive non-departmental bodies, Non-ministerial offices





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# THE DESIGN MANAGEMENT GURUS

The brave design champions of design-poor environments. Typically comprising just one or two roles, these design managers are seen across a variety of B-2-B and B-2-C companies, from retailers to healthcare providers, as well as a couple of public sector bodies. Rather than spread responsibilities for design management across job descriptions, these organisations have decided to centralise the capability. These specialised individuals or duos allow the company to effectively and confidently draw on specific design expertise from outside—buying in the design services of agencies and managing freelancers and contractors—while retaining enough design knowledge within the company to ensure quality and consistency.



### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How can a network of trusted design suppliers be built with limited resources?

How can design managers establish themselves as the go-to contact for design queries within the organisation?

How can design managers get better at educating other teams within the organisation about the value of design?

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

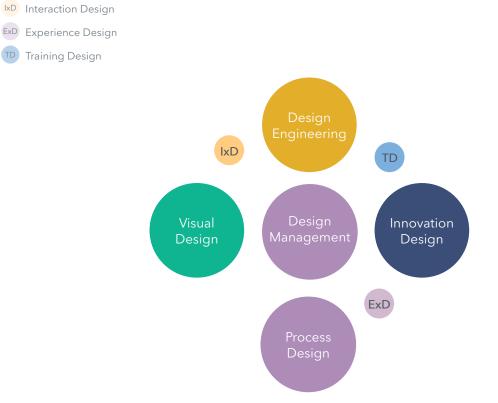
Private Sector: Retail, Healthcare Public Sector: Health Bodies, Executive agencies



#### PRIVATE

Design function size Number of design roles in organisations with this archetype:

4-107



### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How can locally-grown specialist capabilities be successfully repositioned in adjacent industries internationally?

How can a culture of innovation be fostered in organisations where change has historically been set by top-down senior management mandate?

How can we reframe a new organisational mission internally, in a way that is palatable to teams and individuals whose capabilities were shaped in a bygone era?

# THE ENGINEERING INNOVATORS

The crusaders of the brave new world of global engineering solutions provision. This design profile is common among legacy manufacturers of specialist heavy-industry equipment (especially for oil and gas extraction). As said industries have matured and diversified geographically, these engineering organisations have moved up the value chain in their respective sectors to position themselves as more-holistic service/solution providers. With expertise forged over years of experience, the addition of design-led engineering innovation functions allows companies to extend their services from extraction and infrastructure services, to the development of new engineering processes, capabilities, and software around the globe.

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

Private Sector: Construction, Manufacturing, Electricity, Engineering Services



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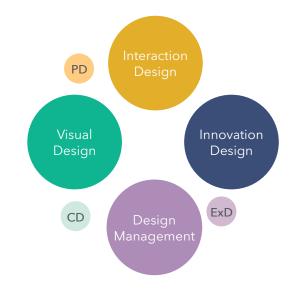
Design function size Number of design roles in organisations with this archetype:



CD Communication Design

PD Product Design

ExD Experience Design



# THE BRAND CHANNELLERS

The brand experience standard-bearers in times of channel proliferation. With examples across broadcast, publishing, and retail industries, these design functions likely had their roots in content production—with design capabilities having been brought in-house to cater for a constant need for asset creation close to the source. As these industries have adapted to new technologies in recent decades, their creative needs have further grown to keep pace with the demands of emerging channels. These teams are similar to In-house Agency configurations but distinct for their inclusion of inhouse innovation design capabilities—with the need to adapt to emerging channels and changing customer behaviours too pressing to leave to external partners alone.

### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How can the design workload be balanced between delivering to everyday production cycles and keeping one eye on future opportunities and challenges?

How can the in-house design process, optimised for a onechannel world, be adapted to fit a multi-channel world?

How can design skills and capabilities be developed and adapted to the ever-shifting production environment?

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

Private Sector: Broadcasting, Publishing, Wholesale



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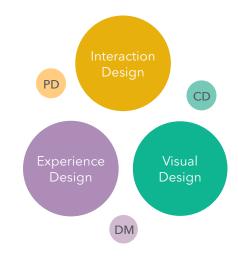
Design function size Number of design roles in organisations with this archetype:



Communication Design

PD Product Design

DM Design Management



# THE IN-HOUSE AGENCIES

The one-stop internal shop for organisations' everyday communications and content needs. With several examples in both insurance and retail, these relatively small design units are generally offshoots of marketing departments. Less concerned with innovation than the likes of The Brand Channellers, these teams are more geared towards the company's day-to-day, ongoing communication and content production needs. Some of these teams have also likely brought in capabilities to manage and maintain crucial digital touch-points in a cost-efficient way, on-site.

### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How can some structure be brought to the design briefing process, to increase efficiency and ensure in-house designers don't just serve those who shout the loudest?

How can design efforts be focused where they can make most impact, when in-house agency time is perceived as free and unlimited?

How can the design function level up to a more strategic position, helping to frame and initiate strategic content and communications projects?

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

Private Sector: Retail, Insurance



#### PRIVA

Design function size Number of design roles in organisations with this archetype:



Visual Design

PD Product Design



# THE HIGH-CRAFT STUDIOS

The design curators of high-end manufacturing. Typically co-located with production facilities, these small design teams are focused on the conception and management of premium consumer product portfolios, in industries where product value is often linked to provenance of manufacturing, expert handcraftsmanship, and "high design." Internal design management capability ensures that these businesses allow highly skilled craftspeople to get on with what they're good at-design managers typically handling the interface with the rest of the organisation, as well as with external clients buying the company's manufacturing expertise.

### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How do designers balance the short-term need to design next season's range with the ability to keep an eye on future trends and changing market dynamics?

How can designers grab the attention of senior executives to inspire them about possible future directions the company's brand and product portfolio might take?

How should the needs of "designing for our brands" and the pressures of supplying external clients best be balanced?

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

Private Sector: Manufacturing, Wholesale



#### PUBLIC

Design function size Number of design roles in organisations with this archetype:

M Design Management

PcD Process Design

# THE INNOVATION BRIGADES

The multi-pronged innovation infiltrations. Akin to Lone Innovation Rangers but greater in numbers, these public sector design functions are specialised (almost) exclusively in innovation roles—the need to adapt and evolve in a changing landscape presumably keenly felt by their parent public organisations. Rather than being deployed en masse, such innovation capabilities are more likely to be utilised in a dispersed formation individual roles likely targeting each of the various priority strategic fronts of their organisation's innovation efforts.



### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How do designers evidence the impact of design-led innovation, given the sizeable investment made in the function?

Where might design-led innovation resources be best targeted given varied needs and appetite for change (especially when those who need change most might be the least receptive)?

How can a distributed teams ensure consistency of messaging and approach to best drive learning across the organisation?

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

Public Sector: Health bodies, Executive non-departmental bodies



#### PUBLIC

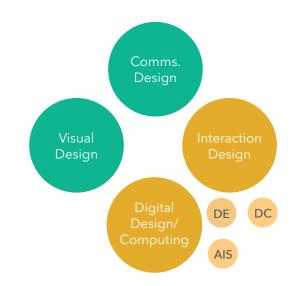
Design function size Number of design roles in organisations with this archetype:



Design Engineering

AIS Architecture/Interior Design/Public Space

DC Design Crafts



# THE DISSEMINATION DESIGNERS

The trusty bands of information shapers and disseminators. With examples in local authorities and other public sector bodies, these (generally) small design units are specialists in creation and presentation of information. With roles across visual, communication, digital and interaction design, these functions leverage design across two-dimensional print and digital touch-points to get key messaging out the public. Whilst currently manifest in a tight number of 'communications' and 'product' order roles, expansion into the 'strategies' order roles could see these functions move towards a more Experience Optimiser positioning within their respective organisations.

### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How can design move from a perceived role of lowly messenger to a more strategic communication capability within the organisation?

How can designers be encouraged to focus on usable information delivery rather than personal aesthetic expression?

How should the organisation attract, retain and develop talent in the wider context of growing talent demand?

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

**Public Sector:** Health bodies, Executive non-departmental bodies, UK non-ministerial bodies, Local Authorities



#### PUBLIC

Design function size Number of design roles in organisations with this archetype:

DM

ExD

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# THE LOCAL DESIGN DEPARTMENTS

The humble design assemblages of local authorities. Rarely large in numbers-the majority ranging between 2-6 roles strongthese efficient configurations cover off several key design bases for council bodies. Roles in these functions typically concentrate around the most pressing creative needs of the organisation - with visual and communication design roles taking care of information touch-points in the two-dimensional world, and infrastructure, architecture and engineering roles making things happen in the physical realm. Roughly half of such councils have made space for design strategy focussed roles-with a smattering or roles in design management, process and experience design presumably working to drive coherence across their respective organisations' various creative efforts.

### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How can designers be encouraged to take an interest in political and policy imperatives of the council-owning them as a design challenge, rather than dismissing them as a work blocker?

How can designers be encourage to embrace change and open to adapting their skills to deliver new value in the context of public service reform?

How can connections be fostered between different small creative departments, to form an attractive creative community for current designers and prospective recruits?

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

Public Sector: Local Authorities

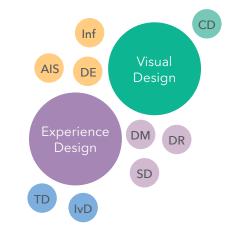


#### PUBLIC

Design function size Number of design roles in organisations with this archetype:

2-7

- Communication Design
- DE Design Engineering
- AIS Architecture/Interior Design /Public Space
- Inf Infrastructure
- DR Design Research
- Design Management
- D Service Design
  D Innovation Design
- D Training Design



# THE EXPERIENCE SHAPERS

The new found form-givers to public service provision. We might hypothesis that the local authorities and other public service bodies with these small and often recently formed design functions have a lot of experience in providing public services, but little experience of seeing themselves as public service providers. The minimal function configurations here typically centre around visual design and a small number of strategic roles–service design, design management, design research and experience design–revealing an at least fledgling organisational intent to engage with their service users and stakeholders and use design to shape positive service experiences. Free from too much legacy of in-house design, these organisation might seek to jump straight into leveraging design at a strategic level, using such capability to help chart the way forward in a time of organisational realignment.

### **DESIGN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

How can design help realign the organisations self-conception as that of a service provider, as a first step in delivering improvements that have a real affect for the public?

How can the organisation be educated on the strategic role of design without much of an existing legacy of design of any type– and with time and resources tight across the board?

What can designers do to ensure design strategy is actually realised, without any direct responsibility for delivering the end product?

#### **ORGANISATION TYPES**

Public Sector: Local Authorities, Executive non-departmental bodies, Executive agencies

# **SUMMARY**

THE

INNOVATION

The multi-pronged

innovation infiltrations.

BRIGADES

THE

DISSEMINATION

The trusty bands of

information shapers

and disseminators.

DESIGNERS

THE

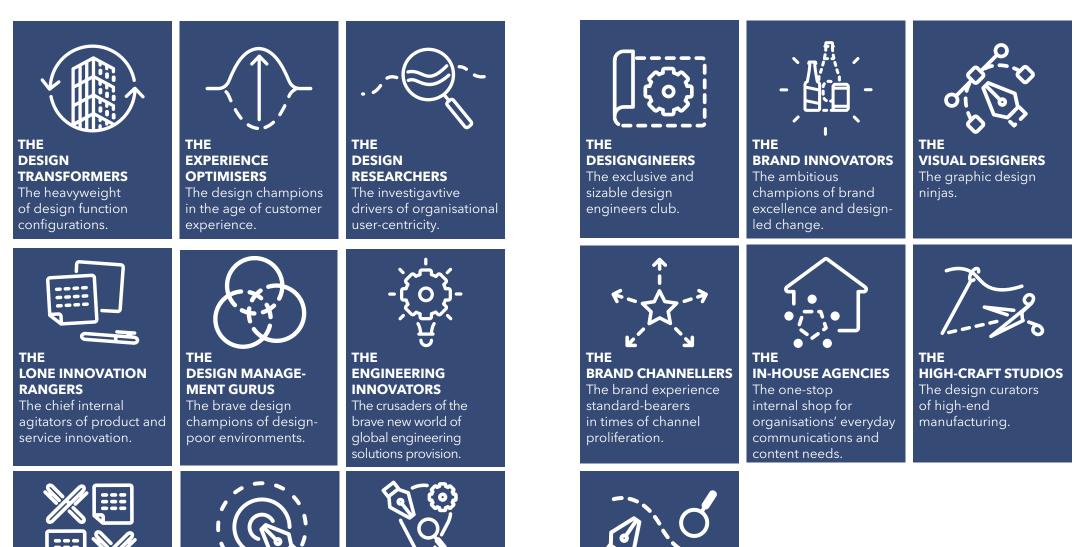
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## PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANIES AND PUBLIC SECTOR ORGANISATIONS RESEARCHED

#### PRIVATE SECTOR (BUSINESS INSIDER TOP 500 COMPANIES LIST, 2018)

A Proctor Group A&JStephen (Holdings) AB 2000 Aberdeen International Airport Addleshaw Goddard (Scotland) Adria Group Advance Construction Group AEGON UK AG Barr Aggreko Ahlstrom Chirnside Albert Bartlett & Sons (Airdrie) Alex FNoble& Son Alexander Dennis Alexander Inglis & Son Alistair Fleming Alliance Trust Alliance Wine Company Allied Vehicles AMPhillip Anderson Strathern Andrew Cowie Construction Angus Soft Fruits Apache North Sea Apex Hotels Aquascot Archer (UK) Argent Energy (UK) Arnold Clark Automobiles ARR Craib Transport Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Brokers ASCO Group Ashleigh (Scotland) Avant Homes Avondale Environmental Axis-Shield Diagnostics Axle Group Holdings Babcock Int'l Group Babcock Mission Critical Services Babcock Rail Balhousie Holdings Balmoral Group Holdings BAM FM Bancon Developments Holdings Bank of Scotland Barclay & Mathieson Barnetts Motor Group Barony Universal Products Barrhead Travel 2007(Group) Baxters Food Group

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Clark Commercials (Aberdeen)

Clark Contracts Claymore Homes Clvde Travel Clydeport Operations Clvdesdale Bank CMS Enviro Systems CNR International (UK) Coherent Scotland Coilcraft Europe Compello Staffing Group Cordia Services Craig Group Craig of Campbeltown Craneware Crown Worldwide Cruden Investments Currie International Holdings Dana Petroleum David MacBravne Dawnfresh Seafoods DCThomson& Co Devro Di Maggio's Group Digby Brown DigitasLBi Dingbro Distell International Dobbies Garden Centres Dolphin Drilling Don & Low Donald Russell Dover Fueling Solutions UK Dron& Dickson Eastern Holdings ECG Facilities Services Edgen Murray Europe Edinburgh Airport Edinburgh Partners Edinburgh Woollen Mill (Group) Edrinaton Emergency One UK Empteezy Emtec Group Emtelle UK Endura Energetics Design & Build Energy Assets Group Enquest Enterprise Foods Entier Ethigen Furoforest

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Inver House Distillers Iomart Group Ithaca Energy (UK) J Smart & Co (Contractors) J&J Denholm Jabil Circuit James Donaldson & Sons James Jones & Sons James Walker (Leith) JBT Distribution JC Peacock & Co JF Hillebrand Scotland JFD John Clark (Holdings) John Davidson (Pipes) John Dewar& Sons John GRussell (Transport) John Lawrie (Aberdeen) John Maclean & Son Electrical (Dingwall) Wholesale electrical supplier John Martin Holdings John Menzies John RAdam& Sons John Wood Group Johnson & Johnson Medical Johnston Carmichael Johnston Fuels Johnston Press Johnstons of Elgin JR Dalziel (Holdings) JW Filshill JWGallowav KCA Deutag Kent Foods Kettle Produce Kirkwood Homes Klondyke Fishing Co Klondyke Group Konecranes UK Leiths (Scotland) LFF (Scotland) Life Technologies LifeScan Scotland Lightbody of Hamilton Lindsay & Gilmour/Raimes Clark & Co Loganair Lomond Motors Lothian Buses Lothian Electric Machines Luddon Construction Lunar Fishing Co M-I Drilling Fluids UK M& Co/Mackays Stores Group Macdonald Hotels Macduff Shipvards Macfarlane Group MacGregor Industrial Supplies Mackenzie Construction Maclay Murray & Spens Macphie of Glenbervie Macrae& Dick Mactaggart & Mickel Group Maersk Oil North Sea UK Malcolm Group Marine Harvest (Scotland) Marine Harvest VAPUK Marshall Construction Matthew Algie & Co Maxi Caledonian Maxxium UK MB Aerospace McAlpine & Co McConechy Holdings McCurrach UK McGhee Group McGill & Co

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Scotia Homes Scott Group Investments Scottish Citylink Coaches Scottish Event Campus Scottish Football Association Scottish Friendly Assurance Society Scottish Investment Trust Scottish Leather Group Scottish Midland Co-operative Society Scottish Power Scottish Rugby Union Scottish Salmon Company, The Scottish Sea Farms Scottish Water Scottish Widows Scottish Woodlands Search Consultancy SGL Carbon Fibers Shell Shared Service Centre Glasgow Shepherd& Wedderburn Shin-Etsu Handotai Europe Simpac (Holdings) Simpson Oils Sky Subscribers Services Skyscanner Smart Metering Systems Sodexo Remote Sites Scotland Southeast Traders Spark Energy Sparrows Offshore Group Speirs & Jeffrey Spencer Coatings Group Speymalt Whisky Distributors Spevside Cooperage Spirit AeroSystems (Europe) Springfield Properties SSE Stagecoach Group Standard Life Aberdeen Star Refrigeration Stena Drilling Sterling Furniture Group Stewart Milne Group Strachans Strata International Group STV Group Subsea 7 Sykes Global Services TAOABratani Tarak Retail Taylor & Fraser Technip UK Teekay Offshore/Golar-Nor (UK) Teledyne Tennent Caledonian Breweries Tennent Caledonian Breweries UK Terasaki Electric Europe Terex Equipment Tesco Bank/Tesco Personal Finance Texas Instruments (UK) The Anderson Group The Harbro Group The Miller Homes Group (UK) Thistle Seafoods Thomas Johnstone (Holdings) Thomas Tunnock Thornbridge Sawmills Thorntons Law Tilhill Forestry Tillicoultry Quarries TOM Vehicle Rental Total Upstream UK Tough Civil Engineering TPSHealthcare Group Trac International Transocean Drilling UK

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Competition and Markets Authority

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