

client focus

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Q&A

with sculptor **Stephen Page**
(**Stephen Page Sculpture**)

In this edition of Client Focus we meet sculptor Stephen Page (**Stephen Page Sculpture**), Stephen creates bronze sculptures from his studio in the Tanat Valley and has exhibited at galleries around the world.



Kim Cleminson-Jones

"I have known Steve since 2005 when we worked together in a bronze art foundry, I was very much office based though, as anyone who knows me will tell you, my artistry and creative skills could do with some work!

Steve and I shared similar journeys as we started our businesses alongside full-time work and gradually built them up to allow us to step away from employment and into the world of self-employment.

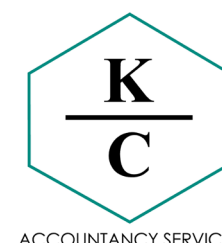
Some will argue that following this route can make your journey longer to reaching goals and leaving employment, but for others it allows you the security whilst building a business that is financially stable when it is time to take the leap!

Steve and I were lucky to have supportive employers, who allowed us to operate our 'side hustles', however, if you are considering taking the route, I strongly advise you to check your employment contract and have an open discussion with your employer before. There are instances where a conflict of interest can occur, and you don't want your business to start on the wrong footing!

Once Steve left his full-time employment and concentrated solely on his business, it has been amazing to watch his growth. Very quickly he became VAT registered and at that point we introduced QuickBooks software which Steve now manages completely himself and prepares the quarterly VAT returns with confidence. We offer our VAT return checking service, where we log in to the software and check the transactions included in the VAT return are coded correctly, specifically that the correct VAT has been applied. We adjust where needed, but feed back to Steve what errors we have corrected and why.

As the software is kept up to date regularly, this allows Steve to see his profit and loss whenever he wants and he can even get a rough idea of what his tax bill will be at the end of the year. I have said it so many times, but knowledge is power and our clients love being in control of their business and knowing exactly where they are by a simple click of a button!

If you're interested in working with accountancy software, get in touch today to find out about the discounts we can offer on monthly subscriptions."



TOP TIP

Don't dread January 2024 (or July, for your 2nd payment on account), get prepared for your tax bill now.

We recommend to our clients to create a savings pot labelled 'Tax' within their bank account or set up a new savings account dedicated to saving for your tax bills.

Each month you should either transfer a percentage of your income or a set amount which could be based on the previous year's tax bill into the savings account.

For many of us, just knowing you are prepared for the tax bill relieves so much stress!

Sculptor Stephen Page sits down and discusses how he finds the admin side of his business the most challenging and how he's always found **KC Accountancy Services** to give essential help and advice.

Hi Stephen! As a business owner, what is it that motivates and drives you?

One of my biggest motivators is developing new ideas from my studio.

If you had to describe your life as a business owner in three words, what would they be?

Sculpture, creative, and good!

What has been your biggest success and what have you found most challenging?

One of my biggest successes has to be developing relationships with galleries in the UK and abroad to exhibit my work.

I have always found the admin side of the business, the most challenging, but I know

I always have the team at **KC Accountancy Services** for any guidance I require.

What advice would you give other business owners who are starting out?

Just stick at it, there will be challenging moments, but also so many highs to be had.

How did you start working with KC Accountancy Services, was there a reason they stood out from other accountants?

Having worked with Kim previously, I've always found her help and advice essential. So for me, it was a no brainer to use the service of **KC Accountancy Services** and I've never looked back.

Why do you think it is important to work with an accountant, how has your relationship with KC Accountancy Services benefited your business?

KC Accountancy Services have always been on hand with helpful advice and have offered a friendly and efficient service. They are

also always quick to resolve any issues I may have, allowing me to focus on the other aspects of my business.

What are your future plans for Stephen Page Sculpture?

In the not long future I would like to develop new and larger work for new types of markets, watch this space!

Thank you Stephen!

For more information on Stephen and to see his work visit: www.stephenpagesculpture.com

