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One of Britain's top handbag designers and interior leather workers, Anthony Vrahimis, still lives and works in Islington, North London, where he was born and raised. Although these days his clients include Mulberry, Tom Ford, Carden Cunietti and Duchamp, he's adamant that he owes his success to the early encouragement of his mother, Christina, and late father, Costas. "They were both

Greek-Cypriot who worked in the leather trade," he added. "My mother taught me how to use a sewing machine when I was nine. And my father taught me how to design and cut."

The work of designing and producing bespoke interiors for international organisations and private clients can range from customising smoking rooms on yachts to fitting out corporate boardrooms. AV Ltd also offers product development services and specialises in carrying initial design concepts through to final production stage.

In addition to this, Anthony also finds the time to run regular handbag and footwear making courses at his studios, which consistently sell out. Over 500 people have gone through his apprenticeship scheme and many of them have then gone on to work for top designers, such as Nicole Fahri and Alexander McQueen.

"A good looking handbag is an important accessory," he said. "We offer the opportunity for people to craft their own bags, based on their own designs. The course we teach at AV will give you everything you need in order to create a luxury leather handbag. This includes design, 3D development, pattern cutting, sewing, handles, closures, framing and construction. The same goes for the footwear. It's a real shame that skills like these that used to be so integral to people's lives have come close to being lost. One of the main reasons I run the courses is so that I can pass on what I've learnt and ensure the craft doesn't die out".