



StartEast June bulletin

Welcome to the June edition of our bulletin which is packed with information on upcoming events, news, resources, opportunities, funding and providers of business support for creative enterprises working in Norfolk & Suffolk.

This month's bulletin features a new regular Creative Unlimited section listing the latest opportunities available through our new business support programme for creative enterprises, delivered in partnership with New Anglia LEP, University of East Anglia, Norwich University of the Arts, University of Suffolk, Suffolk County Council and Norfolk County Council.

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Creative Unlimited Business & Entrepreneurs Support Programme

The [Creative Unlimited](#) project is designed to help economic recovery and growth in the creative, cultural and digital sectors in Norfolk and Suffolk and is a partnership between New Anglia LEP, University of East Anglia, Norwich University of the Arts, University of Suffolk, Suffolk County Council and Norfolk County Council (as part of the legacy of the StartEast programme). The project will help organisations and individuals develop and showcase their creative ventures

through bespoke business workshops, masterclasses, mentoring and direct support. For any businesses or entrepreneurs interested in what this support could mean for you, register your interest [here](#).

Lowestoft Virtual Creative Hub

To enable the growing creative sector in Lowestoft to reach its full potential and attract further investment, a new virtual hub has been launched. Funded by Arts Council England, the [Virtual Creative Hub](#) will provide creatives with a way to network, feel more connected and access information, training and funding opportunities, bringing creatives together through social media channels and an emerging place website, which will be launched later this summer.

The Hub is open to creatives who are based in Lowestoft or deliver work in the town, and will feature a programme of training, tool kits, networking sessions and bespoke 1-2-1 support.

Additionally a free Cultural Directory is in development for the new website, allowing organisations and creatives to promote their enterprises in one central place.

To register your interest in becoming a part of the Virtual Creative Hub and have a profile created for the Creative Directory, please read the [privacy policy](#) and complete the [sign-up form](#).

Grants for Creatives - Lowestoft: Creative Unlimited

Working in partnership with Suffolk County Council, [a small grant scheme](#), part of Creative Unlimited, funded by Suffolk Inclusive Growth Investment Fund, will be available for people who engage with the Hub. Awards of up to £1,000 are available to fund materials, exhibition equipment through to digital development, marketing and promotion.

Applications for grants under the Suffolk Inclusive Growth Investment Fund are now being accepted, with a deadline for all applications of 9am on 30 July 2021. All applications must be submitted via email on the official application form by the deadline to thinklowestoft@eastssuffolk.gov.uk. To apply for a grant, you must meet the criteria stipulated in the application guidance and join the Virtual Creative Hub where you will have your enterprise featured on the Creative Directory. [Register here](#)

Platform 2021: Monthly Workshops for Creative Businesses & Freelancers

Delivered Through Creative Unlimited

[Platform 2021](#), delivered by Norwich University of the Arts, is a series of workshop sessions for people interested in starting their own creative business or becoming a freelancer.

Platform sessions are run by industry professionals who guide you through some of the key areas you need to know about when starting up. They cover research, branding, marketing, finance, legal and networking. [Click here](#) to see the full programme of events.

The series runs monthly with a new online workshop that will help you start or build your business. Join online on the Second Wednesday of every month at 2pm. The next session is: Growing Your Network, Wednesday 14 July 2021, 14:00 - 15:00. Sign-up at [Meetup.com](#)

Business Support

Go Digital Funding Programme

[Go Digital](#) is for micro, small and medium sized businesses based in Norfolk who want to make better use of digital tools to help them grow.

Go Digital provides free, quality business support funded by Norfolk County Council, North Norfolk District Council, Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council, South Norfolk Council, Broadland District Council and Breckland Council. You'll get:

- An experienced business advisor matched to your business
- Quality advisor time dedicated to helping you identify digital opportunities that fit with and add to your business plans
- An advisor who acts as a critical friend, who can challenge your existing digital plans or help to create new ones
- A digital audit of your business and a comprehensive report of its findings
- An action plan which identifies the digital priorities and next steps for your organisation
- The opportunity to apply for a business grant worth up to £500 towards your digital action plan

DRIVE is a new business mentoring and funding support programme for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). The programme supports businesses to help grow and develop Norfolk and Suffolk's rural economy.

DRIVE provides local businesses with access to a grant to invest in new business development that leads to job creation. You could receive:

- Up to 12 hours of guidance from a Business Mentor to evaluate your business plans and DRIVE application
- A grant between £5,000 and £30,000 (up to 40% of total project costs)

If you are a business with a project idea, go to [About DRIVE](#) for more information including who is eligible and how to apply.

NUA Connecting Creative Capability Internship Programme 2021/22 - Call to Businesses

The NUA Creative Internship Programme places talented NUA graduates into businesses who are expanding their team.

Funded by [New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership](#), all the internships are full time and run for 12 weeks from 20 September to 10 December, they are fully paid with only £1,500 of the cost passed on to the host business.

NUA will look after the whole of the application process and act as the intern's employer meaning you don't need to worry about their paperwork including PAYE, holiday pay, etc. They will also provide training to the cohort.

To be eligible, your business must be an SME based in Norfolk or Suffolk and able to start the internship on the 20th September 2021. [Find out more](#)

To apply, you will need to return a [job description form](#) to internships@nua.ac.uk. **The deadline for forms is 1 July 2021**

CultureBanked

At [CultureBanked.org](#) and [kendra.io](#), we are offering free services to artists who need to handle or generate 'data'.

This could be information about yourself, CV's, biography, prices, works, transactions, publicity, correspondence, marketing, provenance - pretty much everything! With the number of digital platforms growing, Artists - like everyone else - have to do more to 'keep up'. That's why we've built capacity to work with users to design artists' digital services (no fees apply).

We are a non-profit foundation supported by government grants to work with artists and rights owners on co-creating interfaces to manage and distribute their work. By making user-centric, interoperable services we enable artists to navigate social media, sales, accounting and publishing from one single place, but also to enable the data generated to interoperate with the multiple services you already use.

Apply now for Cause4's FREE Heritage Compass Programme

Thanks to the generous support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Cause4 is on the lookout for 150 heritage organisations to join the next cohort on their Heritage Compass Programme.

Apply now, and receive 12 months of totally free business support. Including; training, symposia, critical friend support, mentoring and more. You will also get the chance to work with a network of 300 brilliant heritage organisations across the country. [Find out more](#)

Deadline: 12pm, 30th June.

Facebook Community Accelerator

[A program](#) to help leaders harness the power of their community to turn impactful ideas into action. The programme provides:

- **Training & Coaching:** Learn how to organize and strengthen your community through custom training, one-on-one coaching and meaningful partnerships.
- **Access to New Products:** Get early access to new products aimed at helping you manage and activate your community.
- **Funding:** Facebook will work with GlobalGiving to offer you up to \$50k USD to help fund your community's initiatives, with a subset of communities eligible to receive part of \$1 million USD in additional funding.

Craft Council launch the Market for Craft data tool

The [Market for Craft data tool](#) is an open-access dashboard available online at no cost to independent makers, studios and collectives, shops and galleries, and curious consumers. Using the data tool's tabs and filters, you can gain a detailed insight into your customer's demographics, behaviours, motivations, and barriers — helping inform business strategies for 2021 and beyond.

Reopening Norfolk safely

Norfolk County Council Guidance for businesses - April 2021

Everyone in Norfolk needs to feel that no matter where they go in the county their safety is paramount, whether they are residents, visitors or holidaymakers.

Norfolk County Council has created a toolkit providing all the information and tools you need to help you to reopen your business safely this spring. [Download the toolkit here](#)

New Anglia Growth Hub Free business support

[New Anglia Growth Hub's](#) business advisers offer free support and guidance. They can help you find out more about the latest Government schemes and a range of local initiatives. Speak to them for impartial advice on 0300 333 6536 or email growthhub@newanglia.co.uk

You can also make use of the [Covid-19 Business Toolkit](#), where you will find information about funding, free online webinars and all the latest advice.

Invest East: Investment Readiness Programme

A free "investor led" programme to support Norfolk and Suffolk businesses to understand and prepare to raise equity and other forms of finance. The programme is now accepting applications to Cohort 4 of the Investment Readiness programme. For more information, [click here](#) or [contact](#) the team.

Business & IP Centre Norfolk Reset. Restart programme

The Business & IP Centre Norfolk has developed a free dedicated [online programme](#) of business support open to all business owners, especially those in the first years of trading.

Alongside the national Reset. Restart programme run by the British Library Business & IP Centre, they are offering a series of free local 1 to 1 support sessions, workshops and networking events.



Plugged In Artist Opportunity, Creative Arts East

Plugged In is a new project run by arts and community development charity Creative Arts East. The project will work specifically with artists who feel that their voice and story may be under-represented amongst rural audiences, to create a range of digital and/or live performance work along with connected community engagement activities. They are looking for:

2 Commission Opportunities: Specifically from artists who self-identify as Disabled.

3 Pieces of Existing Work: From any artist who considers themselves to have characteristics protected by the 2010 Equality Act. This includes artists from all backgrounds, including those of Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic backgrounds, artists identifying as LGBTQIA+ and artists who have a disability or other protected characteristics.

All artists applying must be over the age of 18 and based in the UK. [Read more](#) **Deadline: 9 July 2021**

Creative Individuals Norfolk #2 Posters Pamphlets and Other Paraphernalia

Individuals who act as creative catalysts in the community are invited to make proposals for Posters Pamphlets and Other Paraphernalia, a strand of work for the Norfolk & Norwich Festival 2022. The project supports creative individuals to 'give voice' to the community through print paraphernalia. Norfolk & Norwich Festival expects to award five commissions of £5,000 each.

[Find out more and apply](#)

Deadline: 12 noon on Monday 26 July 2021

Zoom Q&A - Tuesday 6 July at 5pm

Join Norfolk & Norwich Festival's Director Daniel Brine and Production and Programme Officer

Ailsa McKay to learn more about Posters Pamphlets and Other Paraphernalia.

Register for the Zoom session by emailing ailsa.mckay@nnfestival.org.uk with the subject line 'Creative Individuals Norfolk #2 Zoom Session'.

Artist residency - Snapping the Stiletto, Saffron Walden Museum

Salary: Fee of £1,600, plus £200 material budget

Contract: 4 weeks between 13 July and August 27 2021

Deadline: 30 June 2021

To apply for this position, [click here](#)

Applications Open for London Fashion Week Digital Profile

Designers can apply to have a profile page on the September 2021 LFW platform. They encourage designers to take part in innovative ways, showcasing collections or telling brand stories. [Read more](#)

Applications close on 23 July 2021

100 Videos Described, VocalEyes

Thanks to a National Lottery Project Grant from Arts Council England, arts access organisation VocalEyes is offering artists and arts organisations a significant discount on film/video audio description services for a limited period.

The project aims to provide Audio Description (AD) for 100 films made by artists or arts organisations over the period 3 May to 31 August 2021. [Apply here](#)

Celebrating Culture 2021 - campaign update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed, engaged, and been so supportive of the forthcoming Celebrating Culture 2021 campaign. Funded by the New Anglia LEP, Norfolk County Council, Suffolk County Council, Visit East of England, University of East Anglia, and the Interreg EXPERIENCE project, the aim is to help drive the recovery of our region's arts, culture, and heritage sectors, and encourage cultural tourism across Norfolk and Suffolk. Following recent creative, digital marketing and PR tenders, we're getting ready to launch!

3 ways to get involved:

1. Ensure your organisation is included in the 'Culture & Arts' What's On listings on the Visit East of England website - this will be the 'hub' for the campaign. Free listings can be uploaded [here](#).
2. Share your high res images (with photographer's credit and permission) and promotional details of your upcoming events for inclusion in our ongoing PR and campaign content.
3. And finally, a free Marketing Toolkit will be made available to anyone who would like to promote the campaign and share the creative on your marketing channels.

To get involved or to find out more, contact the project manager Caroline Mayers at caroline@creativebeing.studio. Working alongside Elma Glasgow, Suffolk-based PR specialist and founder of Aspire Black Suffolk, we're collating inspirational inclusive itineraries, news stories,

social media, and campaign materials that will showcase 'What's On' throughout 2021 and into 2022 for both regional and national audiences. We look forward to celebrating our cultural events in Norfolk and Suffolk

Norfolk Screen Online Database

[Norfolk Screen](#) is dedicated to promoting Norfolk as a screen-friendly county that showcases locations, talent, services & facilities within the region. They want to encourage those locally based screen related creatives and services to sign up (for free) so that they can signpost incoming productions to the production infrastructure the region has to offer. [Sign up here](#).



Developing Business Partnerships, Community Action Suffolk

30 June 2021, 11:00-13:00

This course has been designed to help you and your organisation understand the opportunities for engaging and working with the private sector and feel more confident in building partnerships.

[Read more](#)

How to Write Funding Applications, Arts & Health Hub

9 & 23 July 2021, Online via Zoom, Cost: £45

Arts & Health Hub founder and director Daniel Regan will be demystifying the artist funding application process in this two-part virtual workshop series. The workshops will include guidance on understanding the difference between certain types of grants, how to clearly and concisely describe your work and what the funding will help you to achieve. [Book here](#)

Artpocket is Interviewing Now for September!

Kickstart or reignite your creative journey with one of our year long programmes - find out how we can support you to reach your creative potential and beyond with our in house Foundation Diploma, ART INTENSIVE or our POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN CREATIVE PRACTICE. If you want to use your creative skillset to support others you might be interested to know more

about our INTRODUCTION TO ARTS & WELLBEING. [All information on year programmes can be found here](#)

Fundraising re:Fresh

Jun 28, 2021 to Jul 01, 2021, £25 per course

Arts Fundraising and Philanthropy's Fundraising re:Fresh selection of entry to mid-level courses will give you the tools to create an effective fundraising strategy. [Book here](#)

Social Convention Summer Series: Quick and Easy Upskilling for Dope Creatives

Event date(s): Wed 23 Jun 2021 to Wed 04 Aug 2021, £15 per session

Social Convention has your Summer sorted with a series of concise, practical, and info-packed classes to help you upskill, learn, and create. [Book here](#)

Norfolk Chamber of Commerce Events

A series of FREE virtual events which support businesses to restart, rebuild and renew. [Click here to see the latest events.](#)

Norfolk Screen Industry Events

[Norfolk Screen Talks: Getting it Made](#) UK award winning producers tell you how: online, 28 June 2021, 19:00-20:15, Cost £5 (plus booking fee)

Digital Culture Network Events

The Digital Culture Network has developed a series of FREE webinars to support businesses

[Optimising the customer funnel](#) - 30 June 2021, 14:00 - 15:00

[Online privacy and the impact on advertising](#) - 7 July 2021, 14:00 - 15:00

[The ultimate guide to mobile phone filmmaking](#) - 14 July 2021, 14:00 - 15:00

Black Pound Day x Google Digital Garage

Black Pound Day are pleased to be partnering with Google Digital Garage to provide this series of webinars. Join one of these 8 free live training sessions, designed to help grow your business, jump-start your career or develop new skills - all from your own home. [Book here](#)

Suffolk Growth events

Suffolk Growth facilitates and hosts a wide range of events throughout the year, including strategic development workshops, training events, innovation & best practice workshops and more. They welcome attendance from both public and private sector. [Read more](#)

Free digital training for businesses, Archant

The Insight Day series of FREE digital marketing webinars cover lots of different topics from social media to Google Analytics to ecommerce and online trading. [Read more](#)

AMA Training

The AMA (Arts Marketing Association) offers outstanding training to help develop skills and share knowledge so we can all reach more audiences, more effectively. View their training/event programme [here](#).

Visit Britain Free Business Recovery Webinars

Join Visit Britain's second series of business recovery webinars to help you get back on track following the coronavirus pandemic. The [webinar programme](#) covers a number of topics to provide you with practical insight and valuable information from within VisitBritain/VisitEngland and across the wider travel industry.

Association for Cultural Enterprises Events

The [Association for Cultural Enterprises](#) aim to promote commercial best practice in the cultural and heritage sector by providing training and networking opportunities and facilitating the sharing of information and experience between their members.

Bounce Forwards

Informed by their work on resilience, the Audience Agency have designed a package of accessible support and insight to help you to innovate in the face of new challenges. [Read more](#).

Creative Enterprise

In partnership with the BFI, [Creative Enterprise](#) was developed two years ago to grow screen businesses in the English regions. Through intensive programmes and bespoke workshops led by industry leaders and mentors, Creative Enterprise provides expertise and training to futureproof the next generation of moving image companies.

Cause4 Power Hour

In need of advice and support from an independent voice to empower your decision making? Sign up for a free Power Hour with Cause4 today.

Through this programme, Cause4 offer a free hour of consultancy support to registered charities and CICs that need help or a sounding board for new ideas. This power hour can be focused on a range of areas including income generation, fundraising strategy, or governance challenges.

Please register for free [here](#).



Funding

Culture Recovery Fund Round 3 Opens Soon

DCMS says it will open a third round of the flagship emergency arts funding programme soon. Out of £300m, £218.5m will be made available as grants to new and past Culture Recovery Fund recipients. Funding will allow organisations to prepare for full capacity reopening and build a financially sustainable future. [Read more](#)

Smart is Innovate UK's 'Open grant funding' programme.

Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, is investing up to £25 million in the best game-changing and commercially viable innovative or disruptive ideas. All proposals must be business focused. Applications can come from any area of technology and be applied to any part of the economy, such as, but not exclusively: the arts, design and media, creative industries, science or engineering. **Deadline: 11am, 25 August 2021.** [Read more](#)

Restart Grants

The Restart Grant scheme supports businesses in the non-essential retail, hospitality, leisure, personal care and accommodation sectors with a one-off grant, to reopen safely as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. [Read more](#). Visit your local council's website to find out how to apply, [search here](#).

Norwich City Council Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme

An Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) fund has been provided to support Norwich's local economy and local businesses that have been adversely impacted by Covid-19 restrictions. This funding is to provide support to businesses who do not qualify for Local Restrictions Support Grants (LRSG). [Apply here](#)

If you are based elsewhere your own district council may also be offering grants for your local area. [Find your local council website here](#)

Places Called Home Fund

IKEA Limited and The National Lottery Community Fund have come together to grow thriving, resilient and sustainable communities across the UK. Places Called Home is a new £1.5 million fund that aims to inspire and help people get more involved in their local community as a positive, homely place to be and meet other people.

The aim is to build on the energy, creativity and practices of communities coming together during the COVID-19 pandemic, through local activities and the renewal of community spaces. **The scheme will open for applications on 30 June 2021. It will close upon either the receipt of 1,500 applications or 14 July 2021**, whichever comes first. [Read more](#)

Simply Business Business Boost Fund

Designed to help small businesses emerge successfully from the COVID-19 pandemic, and boost the chances of new start-ups, the Business Boost competition has been launched. The scheme can help those wishing to start, grow or revive a small business. The winner will be awarded a £25,000 grant. [Read more](#)

Oli Bennett Charitable Trust Young Entrepreneur Grants

Start-up grants of up to £2,000 are available for young entrepreneurs aged between 18 and 30 to help them start a new business or grow a current one in the UK. [Read more](#)

The Goldsmiths Centre Career Catalyst Grants

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK based jewellers, silversmiths and those working in the allied industries with at least five years' experience to develop their practice further and create new work by immersing themselves in an unfamiliar environment. **Deadline: 19 July 2021.** [Read more](#)

Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) Innovation Vouchers

Innovation vouchers up to the value of £5,000 are available to any organisation impacted by COVID-19 providing access to research and innovation support such as consultancy and contract research. [Read more](#)

Youth Music NextGen Fund

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to young creatives aged between 18 and 25 in Great Britain to help them take a step forward in participating and changing the music industries. **Deadline: 9 July 2021.** [Read more](#)

The Harris Family Fund

The Harris Family Fund via grants of up to £5,000 supports voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations helping those who live and work in Suffolk. Activities to benefit the local communities of Beccles, Bungay and Newmarket are particularly favoured for funding. **Deadline: 9 July 2021.** [Read more](#)

Amazon Apprenticeship Fund

Amazon is launching a £2.5 million Apprenticeship Fund as part of its commitment to support career opportunities and skills development across England. By using the company's Apprenticeship Levy to support small businesses selling on Amazon, Amazon Web Services

(AWS) customers and smaller creative industry partners, these organisations outside of Amazon will be able to upskill their workforce by taking on their own dedicated apprentices. [Read more](#)

Innovate UK Young Innovators Awards 2021/22

Young people aged between 18 and 30 across the UK can apply for an award to make their business idea a reality. The Award includes a grant of £5,000, tailored business support and a living allowance. **Deadline: 28 July 2021.** [Read more](#)

East Anglia Art Fund

Each year [EAAF](#) gives a number of small grants, of up to £1,000, to make visual art exhibitions and art education initiatives possible - these projects are usually contemporary group or historic exhibitions. Solo shows of recent work are rarely supported. **Deadline: 31 August 2021**

Grand Plan Grants

We're a new charity offering three £1,000 grants a month for people of colour based in the UK who want to make a new creative project. It can be anything: poetry, paintings, fashion, zines, music, food, flowers, photographs — whatever you want. [Find out more and apply](#)

Help for small businesses to secure innovation grants

New Anglia LEP are supporting a free innovation mentoring and bid writing scheme to help smaller businesses secure the funding they need to develop their project ideas. The scheme helps small to medium business owners or managers, including micro business owners and sole traders, who are based in Norfolk or Suffolk. Find out more [here](#).

Business Resilience and Recovery Scheme

The Business Resilience and Recovery Scheme has been established to support businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic and during the economic recovery. It will provide grants to support short-term business resilience projects and longer-term recovery and diversification projects. [Read more](#)

Youth Music Funding

Youth Music is a national organisation investing in music-making programmes for young people, alongside working with organisations to diversify and be more inclusive. We believe that music-making, learning and earning shouldn't be a privilege, but research shows that for many, it is. That's why we mobilise local and regional specialists in reaching young people facing barriers,

through music. **We are especially interested in receiving more applications from organisations delivering activities in the East of England.**

The next application deadline for “Fund A”, which awards grants between £2,000 and £30,000, is **Friday 30 July 2021.**

We would like to offer you the opportunity to discuss your project proposal before you apply to us. You can email Jan Mares (Senior Grants and Learning Officer) at jan.mares@youthmusic.org.uk to arrange an informal phone/video call. [Or find out more here.](#)

Art Fund Reimagine Grants

Through this programme, the Arts Fund is offering project grants of £5,000 up to £50,000. The aims of this programme are to support organisations as they reimagine their activities following the pandemic; to help organisations build expertise, capacity and connections within and outside the sector. We want to fund projects that meet both aims and address at least one of our priority areas for support: Collections, Digital, Engagement, Workforce. [Read more](#)

Government Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS)

Applications for the fourth SEISS Grant are now open covering the period from 1 February 2021 to 30 April 2021. Anyone who was eligible for the first set of grants will be eligible (provided their business is still impacted) and those who were newly self-employed in 2020 and therefore did not have tax returns may also now qualify for SEISS. [Read more](#)

Phase 4 of Help Musicians’ Coronavirus Financial Hardship Funding

Phase 4 of the Financial Hardship Funding is targeted at self-employed musicians who do not qualify for Self-Employment Income Support Scheme and unemployed professional musicians who are unable to make ends meet in the current climate. [Read more](#)

Support from the Arts Council

- [National Lottery Project Grants](#)
- [Developing Your Creative Practice fund](#)
- Investing an extra £2 million in [funds](#) to support freelance workers in the sector.

North Norfolk District Council Arts and Culture Fund

NNDC's [Arts and Culture Fund](#) offers grants of up to £2,500 to voluntary and community organisations, town and parish councils, whose project is based within north Norfolk with the aim

to improve health and wellbeing of North Norfolk residents through active participation and engagement with visual, literary and performing arts.

New Anglia Growth Hub Finance and Funding

The [Growth Hub](#) has access to experts and suppliers across a number of different funding approaches for various industries or projects. Including:

- Growing Business Fund - Offering grants of £25,000 to £500,000 for businesses that are creating jobs and expanding.
- Small Grants Scheme - Offering grants of between £1,000 – £25,000 to help your business grow.

Norfolk Covid-19 Response Funding

Norfolk Community Foundation is working with a range of local and national partners to make available [funding](#) for Norfolk charities facing exceptional demands on their services due to Covid-19, and working hard to support vulnerable people in the community.

Suffolk Community Foundation

Suffolk Community Foundation has developed a high level of expertise in supporting thousands of community groups and grassroot charities in Suffolk to access funding. [Click here](#) to view the available grant funding.

The Heritage Funding Directory

Managed by The Heritage Alliance and the Architectural Heritage Fund, the [Heritage Funding Directory](#) is a free guide to financial support for anyone undertaking UK related heritage projects.

Grants 4 Norfolk

Looking for funding? Try the FREE Norfolk County Council search facility serving both businesses and communities. Local, regional and national funding opportunities available. [Register here](#).

Norfolk County Council Funding Team Newsletter

Sign up to receive your regular newsletter from the Norfolk County Council Funding team – packed full of the latest funding updates and scheme information. Email funding@norfolk.gov.uk to be added to the database.

The NCC Funding Team can:

- Offer advice and guidance to potential applicants, to identify the funds which would best fit with project ideas, and to advise on the bidding process
- Provide information and expertise in the management and administration of funding
- Support project compliance and record keeping, helping to ensure that your project complies with strict scheme requirements
- Be a potential partner for projects. In cases where partnerships are required to include a local government organisation, Norfolk County Council can be that partner



Creativity Exchange

ACE have launched a new online community for teachers and creative practitioners to help embed creativity across the curriculum. It has been designed for school leaders, teachers and cultural organisations who work with schools. [Find out more](#)

Suffolk Culture Network

The Suffolk Culture Network is a collective of organisations and individuals working in and around Suffolk. The network is for people delivering communications, marketing and audience development in the cultural sector. If you are interested in joining, please email thomas.beese@suffolk.gov.uk

Norfolk Black and POC Creatives Network

[Norfolk's Black & POC Creatives Network](#) will provide mutual support for artists & creatives living in the region, allowing members to meet others, collaborate, share resources, and discuss what the community needs to grow and thrive. Membership is free, and open to all creatives and artists

living or working in Norfolk from communities which may include themselves under the umbrella of “people of colour.” [Click here to join.](#)

The Network is being set up as part of a project by Norwich based Freelance Producer Sascha Goslin, and supported by [Norfolk & Norwich Festival's Creative Individuals Norfolk initiative.](#)



New Anglia Growth Hub Skills Portal

The [Skills Portal](#) from New Anglia Growth Hub is designed to help employers access, understand and navigate all the local support, information and resources available to help get talent acquisition and development spot on. There are also two dedicated skills advisers, available to make a no cost visit your premises to guide you through the options available.

StartEast Resources

The StartEast business support programme may have finished, but the StartEast website is still up and running, so you can continue to access information via our **updated** [Resources page](#) on alternative business support providers and our [Directory](#) of cultural enterprises in Norfolk and Suffolk, and it's free to create a Directory entry.

Join the Norfolk Arts Forum

Norfolk Arts Service runs the Norfolk Arts Forum, a free membership organisation with over 750 members and an annually elected Executive Committee, we send out an e-bulletin every Friday with information about arts and cultural jobs, opportunities, training and funding. If you would like to join please email arts@norfolk.gov.uk

Sign Up to the Suffolk Cultural & Creative Newsletter

Suffolk Arts Service produces a regular regional newsletter for the arts, which hopes to disseminate of the latest information and support for the cultural sector. [Sign up here](#)

Centre for Excellence in Participatory Theatre's Library & Resource Centre

The Centre for Excellence in Participatory Theatre has a fantastic digital library and resource

centre, with a large and ever-growing collection of downloadable books, reports, and toolkits to support theatre and participation practitioners. [Read more](#)

AMAculturehive

The Arts Marketing Association culture hive is a free online resource hub for cultural professionals. This is available to both members and non-members. For more information, [sign up here](#).



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