



StartEast December bulletin

Welcome to the December 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.

Please do feel free to share this newsletter with colleagues, and anyone interested in receiving StartEast newsletters and bulletins can [sign up](#) on our website.

If you would like to contact us please email starteast@norfolk.gov.uk

The StartEast Team



Creative Unlimited Business & Entrepreneurs Support Programme

The Creative Unlimited project is supporting organisations and individuals to develop and showcase their creative ventures through bespoke business workshops, masterclasses, mentoring and direct support. It 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.

Creative Unlimited Webpage

Visit the [Creative Unlimited page](#) on the StartEast website for the latest updates on the Creative Unlimited project and up coming opportunities for businesses and entrepreneurs.

Think Lowestoft Website

Visit the [Think Lowestoft website](#) to join the [Virtual Creative Hub](#) and add your creative enterprise to their free online [Creative Directory](#).

The virtual creative hub is a place for artists, makers, freelancers, and organisations to connect, collaborate, and share ideas with other like-minded people. They want to increase confidence, experimentation, and growth, and will accomplish this by cultivating connections, providing business support, and supporting the sector by raising the profile and public awareness of the emerging creative sector.



Business & IP Centre Norfolk Upcoming events

Supporting you from that first spark of inspiration to successfully starting and developing a business in Norfolk. They have a year-round programme of free events including: workshops, webinars, networking events and one-to-one advice sessions. To see all their current events and book your place, visit the BIPC [Eventbrite page](#).

IP Support at Your Local Library in Norfolk

If you are a business person, an inventor, an artist or an author, knowing the kind of intellectual property (IP) you own and how to protect it is essential.

As well as providing online 1-to-1s, we are now offering confidential face-to-face IP guidance at our [BIPC Locals](#). Trained IP advisors can provide guidance on a range of intellectual property topics up to, but not including, legal advice.

Book one of the next sessions at [Wroxham](#) or [Great Yarmouth](#) libraries.

Supporting Women in Business

We're collaborating with NatWest to provide female entrepreneurs with more access to expert support. Women in Business is a series of free face-to-face one-to-ones and networking sessions led by NatWest Local Enterprise Manager Andy Gray.

The sessions are being delivered from January at our BIPC Locals and regional hub - [find out more and register](#).

MENTA Networking Events

New for 2022 Thursday face-to-face business networking in Suffolk & Norfolk

MENTA [Thursday networking events](#) are held at locations across Suffolk with monthly morning events in Haverhill, Bury St. Edmunds, Woodbridge and Norwich*. MENTA welcomes all in business to our events. Choose your preferred location and join the business conversation.

*Norwich events begin in March 2022. Our events are supported by Jacobs Allen Chartered Accountants.

Community Action Suffolk Get it Together: Business and VCSE Speed Networking Event

26 January 2022, 11:00 - 12:30

A free [virtual networking event](#) connecting businesses, charities and community groups. Are you a VCSE organisation looking for an opportunity to engage with businesses more effectively? Are you a business keen to align your values and provide meaningful support to your local community? Join us for a chance to create partnerships and opportunities between businesses and charitable organisations and community groups.

Norfolk EXPERIENCE Providers' Facebook Group

Join the new [Norfolk EXPERIENCE Providers' Facebook Group](#). Meet and collaborate with business owners and individuals across the county, who have already developed experiences or are in the process of creating new ones.

Bedroom to Business: Are you ready to start your own business?

Free six-week online programme that will take you on a journey from 'Bedroom to Business' - from the spark of an idea to setting up your own business.

[Bedroom to Business](#) starts on Friday 14 January (09.30) and runs weekly for six weeks. It is being delivered by MENTA and consists of six two-hour workshops with a chance for Q&As and one-to-one coaching sessions.

ICET Project | University of Suffolk

The European Social Fund and University of Suffolk are financing ICET, a £1m project to support SMEs to access high quality, immersive digital and professional leadership training. A key element of the ICET project is to promote the progression of women in business and digital arenas. SMEs that register and apply to the ICET project, can request 50% of funding towards high level, immersive courses. [Find out more](#)

'Plan for Jobs' skills and employment projects

Find out about the range of government programmes, some of which offer financial incentives, are available for employers who are considering hiring employees, offering work experience or upskilling existing staff through the [Gov.uk portal](#) – a useful way of reminding yourself of the current offers to businesses and individuals at a National Level.

DRIVE is a business mentoring and funding support programme for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Norfolk and Suffolk. The programme provides local businesses with access to a grant to invest in new business development that leads to job creation. Go to [About DRIVE](#) for more information including who is eligible and how to apply.

Norfolk County Council's digital strategy was launched on 22nd September, and aims to make Norfolk the best-connected rural county in the UK. To download a copy visit [Norfolk County Council Digital Strategy for the 2020s](#)

This also coincides with the Go Digital announcement that there will be 600 additional spaces on the project available to Norfolk SMEs, funded by the C-Care Interreg project. Over 180 Norfolk SMEs are being supported through [Go Digital](#) and we look forward to welcoming more businesses onto the project.

Norfolk for Business Twitter [@norfolkforbiz](#)

The business support team at @norfolkcc will keep you informed about grants, training & mentoring to help you grow your business.

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 .

Reopening Norfolk safely, Norfolk County Council Guidance for businesses

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](#)



HYPOTHESIS Retreats

Curious directive is offering £2,500 each to three theatre companies in January 2022.

HYPOTHESIS is a cash grant for your team to join curious directive in Norwich for one week, to

work in their Studio. The grant can be used to cover whatever you need for the week; fees, travel, accommodation, materials etc. Where fees are paid, they must meet ITC/Equity minimum rates. The grant cannot be used as match funding for a larger project. [Read more](#)

Deadline: 23 December 2021

Association for Suffolk Museums Evaluation Consultancy Commission

The [Association for Suffolk Museums](#) is commissioning a consultant to develop and deliver a comprehensive evaluation of a portfolio of cultural health and wellbeing workstreams and create a framework that is transferrable in approach and can be applied in evaluating future cultural health and wellbeing programmes. The work must be undertaken over a 12 month period running from January – December 2022. For more information regarding the specific project milestones, please refer to the [Evaluation Framework specification](#).

The maximum available budget for this work is up to £35,000, including all travel and expenses. Contact CCFC@suffolk.gov.uk with any clarification questions.

Deadline for submissions is midnight Monday 3rd January 2022

Creativity and Wellbeing Week 16-22 May 2022

London Arts and Health and The Culture Health and Wellbeing Alliance have announced the dates for Creativity and Wellbeing Week 2022.

The theme for Creativity and Wellbeing week 2022 is 'Get Creative, Get Outdoors'. The festival will focus on a mix of events that take place both in-person and online, to ensure that everyone can access a range of creative health workshops, talks, lectures and seminars. You can find out more and upload your events on the [Creativity & Wellbeing Week website](#).

If you would like to get involved with [Norfolk Creativity and Wellbeing Week](#) 2022 please email arts@norfolk.gov.uk to register your interest.

Another Route: Fellowship - Call for Performance Makers

This is a unique opportunity for a group of England-based performance makers to embark upon a remarkable journey to internationalise their creative practice through an 18-month programme of events and residencies taking place across the world. [Read more](#)

Application Deadline: 14 February 2022

Arebyte Gallery: Hotel Generation Young Artist Development Programme

Hotel generation mentors the next generation of UK digital artists during the critical early stages of establishing a career in the arts. [Read more](#)

Essex Cultural Diversity Project: Call For Creative Community Theatre Proposal

Essex Cultural Diversity Project and Creative Estuary, in collaboration with Port Enfield Adelaide Council, History Trust of South Australia and Tilbury on the Thames Trust, present this opportunity for a new creative co-commission focusing on migration and 'Ten Pound Poms', who emigrated from Tilbury Port in to Port Adelaide in South Australia.

This is an opportunity for emerging community theatre practitioners to develop global connectivity and to showcase their work to a global audience. [Read more](#)

Deadline: 17 January 2022

Brewers Towner International: Open Call for Submissions

Towner Eastbourne is inviting artists to submit works for consideration through an online Open Call process which is now open.

[Brewers Towner International](#) is an exhibition that will take place at Towner Eastbourne in 2022, featuring both British and International artists. Additionally, the Brewers Towner Award of £10,000, sponsored by Brewers Decorator Centres, will be awarded to one of the exhibiting artists. Submissions from professional artists working in all media are welcome. There is no cost to enter, and all exhibiting artists will receive a fee of £350.

Deadline for applications: 5pm on 31 January 2022

MediaFutures Open Call

The [MediaFutures support programme](#) is looking for artists and startups eager to reshape the media value chain through innovative, inclusive and participatory applications of data and user-generated content. MediaFutures seeks to support novel, unconventional ways for people to engage with journalism, science, and democracy, using approaches and tools from the arts, technology, and innovation. The second open call challenge invites innovative, creative and impactful ideas which address the issues of online misinformation and disinformation in different domains.

Application Deadline: 27 January 2022

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council: Public Art Commission

[Art Track: Metro Art Programme](#) is a one-year project to create an expanded programme of designs for public art commissions & public engagement activities alongside the new Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Extension Metro line which opens to passengers in 2024. The programme will see the creation of a series of new artist commissioned designs.

EOIs are sought for approaches to the design of permanent and temporary artworks (and/or projects) using time-based and socially-engaged practice. Between 15-25 artists will be shortlisted and selected from the open call & paid to produce detailed designs.

Deadline for EOI: 5pm on 10 January 2022

Punchdrunk Enrichment: Freelance Opportunities

We want to grow our [network of freelance practitioners](#) for upcoming projects in 2022. If you are passionate about creating inspiring theatre for education, family and community audiences, we would love to hear from you!

Deadline: 22 December

Arts Fundraising & Philanthropy Opportunity

[Heritage Compass](#) is supporting the sector to develop essential skills in business planning, audience development, leadership and change management. Join 300 other heritage organisations across England and help your organisation to thrive over this free year-long programme, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through the recruitment period until midday **16 December 2021**.

Periscope Secondary School Commissioning Callout

[Periscope](#), West Suffolk's cultural education partnership, want to commission a cultural organisation or artist, to create a new project which inspires, enriches and celebrates secondary-school students across West Suffolk, Mid Suffolk, and Babergh through arts and culture. To be eligible to apply, you must be an arts and culture organisation or individual, based in Periscope and/or the county of Suffolk and committed to developing long-term relationships with schools and other partners in our area. The project can be for a single year group or a key stage. A total of £20,000 can be applied for, which will be awarded in a single amount to one individual or collective bid. For more information email: Sam.Cayford@suffolk.gov.uk . **Deadline: 20 December 2021**

Invitation to participate in the Civic University Project

The University of East Anglia (UEA) prides itself on Civic activity: being a University of Sanctuary, collaborating with our Health and Social Care Partners, and supporting community partnership projects. Over the next year we are running a series of open, participatory events to help us understand how citizens, voluntary groups, businesses, and institutions across the region might want to partner with us in civic activity. We would love the arts and cultural sector to be at the heart of those conversations. Our events will tour Norfolk and Suffolk starting on November 27th in Norwich – from the events as a whole we will co-produce a Civic University Agreement that represents the passions, needs and curiosity of our region. If you would like to attend one of our events, [please fill in our form](#).

Head East Campaign Update: How to promote your autumn and winter events

[Head East](#) has now been live for ten weeks and has achieved a reach of 21.3 million so far. This campaign showcases the vibrant arts, culture and heritage in Norfolk and Suffolk through an online events calendar, bespoke itineraries, monthly content in Eastern Daily Press' 'What's On' guides, and curated social media content.

List your [event\(s\)](#) and [venue](#) for FREE on the Visit East of England website. Please email any stories about events and artists to Head East's PR Lead Elma

Glasgow: hello@elmaglasgowconsulting.com

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](#).



Artsadmin Creative Support Sessions

Free one-to-one support service for UK-based artists working in contemporary performance, at any stage of their career.

Sessions are informal and artist-led, offering an opportunity to talk about anything from artistic ideas and project development to funding and contexts for your work.

[Book a Zoom session with one of the team.](#)

CGO Institute: Introduction To Producing Workshops

17 December 2021 & 24 Jan 2022, 16:00-18:00, Cost: £2-£5

The [CGO Institute](#) is hosting its popular online workshop, 'Producing: Proper Job, Honest!' led by Chris Grady. This masterclass will guide aspiring and returning-to-work producers through the pathways into a fulfilling career in creative producing.

There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. Live transcript of the meeting will be provided by otter.ai technology. [Book here](#)

itc: independant theatre council Training

itc training courses are designed to provide you with a resilient toolkit of essential skills and specialist knowledge needed to run a performing arts company successfully.

[See the latest courses and book here](#)

The Hour Collective: Coaching for Artists by Artists

[The Hour Collective](#) supports you to find clarity about how, where, when and what to do on your own terms – to explore options, make decisions, test new approaches, to move forwards. We work with all artists including visual artists, writers, musicians, performers, choreographers, architects, curators, designers.

Please contact us for a free twenty minute no-commitment consultation phone call to work out whether coaching might be useful to you at this time or in the future.

Contact email: thehourcollective@gmail.com

Arts Health Early Career Research Intensive

9-13 May 2022, Snape Maltings, Cost: Early bird rates from £629 (student) - £899 (professional), some scholarships are available.

Presented by the Arts Health Early Career Research Network, University College London, and the University of Florida Center for Arts in Medicine in partnership with Snape Maltings' Creative Campus, the Arts Health Research Intensive provides a rich introduction to the evidence base around arts in health and fundamentals of evaluation and research. [Read more and apply](#)

Firm Foundations. Cornwall Museums Partnership

Online training, 21 Jan 2022 to 11 Mar 2022

[Firm Foundations](#) is a course for people embarking on a capital development project in the culture and heritage sectors.

Arts Connect Senior Leader Apprenticeship (Arts and Culture) MBA (Senior Business Leader)

Online, 1 January 2022

[The course](#) offers leadership and management skills combined with business development acumen that will enable you to have a positive impact as a senior leader in the arts and cultural sector.

Arts Fundraising & Philanthropy Training Sessions - Cost £50 - £75 per session

[Fundraising for Individual Artists](#) - 13 & 20 January 2022, 10:00-12:30

[Digital Tools for Fundraisers](#) - 18 & 25 January 2022, 10:00-12:30

[Business Planning](#) - 19 & 26 January 2022, 10:00-12:30

[Corporate Fundraising](#) - 3 & 10 February 2022 10:00-12:30

Norfolk Chambers of Commerce Events

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

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](#)

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](#).

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.

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.



DBACE - Deutsche Bank Awards for Creative Entrepreneurs 2022

Applications for [DBACE 2022](#) open on 13 January. For 28 years the Deutsche Bank Awards for Creative Entrepreneurs has helped creatives bring their ideas to life.

Partnering with MeWe360, the programme aims to enable and celebrate talented 18-30 year olds driven to make positive social impact through their creative enterprise.

The £60,000 prize fund and £100,000 worth of business support will be split between 5 winners.

The Circular Future Fund: The Million Pound Challenge

In partnership with Hubbub, the John Lewis Partnership is launching a [£1 million fund](#) to support trailblazing ideas and innovations that can accelerate the transition towards a more circular economy. Whether it's rethinking waste with new products or materials, finding creative ways to shift consumer mindsets or developing new business models and services, we'd like to hear from you. The fund will provide grants between £150,000-£300,000. **Application Deadline: 9 January 2022.**

Dying Matters: Community Grants Programme

Dying Matters - a campaign run by Hospice UK – have set up a Community Grants programme, supported by Dignity Funerals, looking for new and creative ways to talk about dying. The fund will support community-led arts and culture projects, with a focus on equality and inclusion, and

which approach the subject of dying in an innovative or creative way. [Read more](#)

Small workshop grants up to £999

Project grants between £1,000 and £5,000

Deadline for submissions: 21 February 2022

Arts Council England Let's Create Jubilee Fund

[£5million investment](#) into a new programme distributed by [UK Community Foundations](#) to fund creative events to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. The focus of this fund is to empower community organisations to work collaboratively with artists and cultural organisations in a way they might not have before, to produce creative events that are driven by them and highlight their ideas and creativity. All applications will need to be made through local community foundations. To find your nearest community foundation, [click here](#).

Grant range: £750 - £10,000

Application portal opens: 4 January, **application deadline: 28 February 2022**

Grand Plan Grants for Creative People of Colour

[Grand Plan](#) award three £1,000 grants a month to creative people of colour based in the UK who want to make a new cultural project happen. It can be anything from: poetry, paintings, fashion, zines, music, food, flowers, photographs to workshops or events — whatever you want.

The next application deadline is midnight on 31 December 2021

Power to Change Funding Programmes

Open and upcoming [funding programmes](#) for community businesses.

[CROWDMATCH](#): Providing a match-funding incentive to maximise community business crowdfunding.

[POWERING UP](#): Support for community businesses shifting from an emergency mindset to investing in future planning. Initial phase provides support for improving digital skills.

[BOOSTER](#): Supporting community businesses to launch a community share offer with grants and match funding.

[REBOOST](#): Supporting community businesses to raise community shares capital to aid their recovery from Covid-19.

British Business Bank Start Up Loans

[Start or grow your own business](#): borrow up to £25,000 with a fixed interest rate of 6% per annum (per year), repay over a term of 1–5 years This Government-backed scheme also offers 12 months of free mentoring

Creative UK Investment Funding

[Start Up Loans](#): Creative England has partnered with the British Business Bank's Start Up Loans scheme to unlock new and important finance opportunities for people working across the

creative industry in the UK. If you've started a business in the last two years, Start Up Loans can help you develop your creative pursuit, offering personal loans of up to £25,000.

[Creative Growth Finance](#) is a landmark fund providing vital scale up finance to the UK's most promising creative businesses. Finance will be directed to post-revenue creative businesses presenting promising growth potential and who: bring change, disruption and new IP to the creative industries, harness creativity with technologies and supporting businesses, are talent led. Loans of £100,000 – £500,000 are available across all UK regions.

ARTCRY

[ARTCRY](#) is a new fund supporting urgent artistic responses to current social and political events. The fund aims to encourage artists to create bold political work with funding in seven days to enable fast action.

ARTCRY are seeking applications that open up or provokes dialogue and doesn't close it down, can startle people with a new perspective, asks audiences to think more deeply, strives to make an impact, respects difference and can be presented in the public realm, with a spirit of openness and accessibility at its core. Applications can be from any artform and from artists at any stage in their career. Grants of up to £2,500 are available.

British Fashion Council Vogue Designer Fashion Fund

[The Fund](#) develops the infrastructure of a designer's business & increases their profile as a creative British business.

Application Deadline: 6 January 2022

Business Growth Grant, Norwich City Council

[Grants](#) between £500 and £10,000 are available to Norwich-based micro, small or medium enterprises (with fewer than 250 employees) for projects which support business growth.

Applications must be received no later than **31 January 2022**, approved purchases/works must be complete before 18 March 2022.

Moblox Limited Pitch to Piers Competition

Former Dragons' Den judge Piers Linney is offering [support](#) to UK small business owners to boost their growth. Maximum value: £10,000. **Application deadline: 28 January 2022**

ACE National Portfolio 2023 onwards

Information about Arts Council England's National Portfolio investment process for 2023 onwards, including who can apply, the timeline for applying and how to prepare. [Read more](#)

Social Investment Business Recovery Loan Fund

[Loans](#) are available to support UK charities and social enterprises who have been impacted by coronavirus/COVID-19 and need funds to help them to survive, recover and grow. Maximum value: £1,500,000. **Application deadline: 21 May 2022**

Film & TV Charity Stop-gap Grants

One-off grants available to individuals in financial need who work behind the scenes in film and TV in the UK. Maximum value: £750. [Apply here](#)

East Suffolk Plan for the Future Grant

Delivered by the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership and East Suffolk Council, the new [‘Plan for the Future’](#) scheme provides support and offers grants of £5,000 to £25,000 to businesses in East Suffolk which have been severely affected by Covid-19 and the subsequent restrictions. Investment projects must be ready to begin and scheduled to be completed by 31 January 2022.

Business Innovation Support Scheme

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are pleased to offer a range of new grant schemes, in support of our local independent businesses. The grants are designed to encourage sustainable innovation and economic growth. [Read more](#)

Idlewild Trust Grants

The Idlewild Trust supports charities that improve opportunities for young professionals working in the arts, particularly at an early stage in their careers; and supporting the conservation of important works of art and objects that are being lost through the lack of funds to look after these works. [Read more](#) **Deadline: 15 March 2022**

Covid Continuity Fund for Culture, Suffolk County Council

The Covid Continuity Fund for Culture is a grant fund totalling £370,000. The purpose of the fund is to support cultural and creative organisations to resume their previous activities safely, and / or to support them to transition to new ways of working. The fund offers grants of between £3,000 and £30,000. All 'not for profit' cultural and creative organisations and groups who are based in Suffolk are eligible to apply. [Read more](#)

Arts Council England Project Grants - Supporting Grassroots Live Music

Grants are available to grassroots music venues and promoters in England to present live music programming, and for activities that put them in a better position to deliver their work in the long term. Grants of between £1,000 and £40,000 are available, for projects lasting up to a maximum of three years. [Read more](#)

Employer Training Incentive Programme

Employer Training Incentive Programme (ETIP) is a delegated training grant programme, aiming to assist Norfolk SMEs (less than 250 employees) in sectors that have been most effected or highlighted by COVID-19. Businesses, including self-employed business owners, will be able to

use the grant to increase their employees' skills level whilst supporting the diversification, growth or survival of the organisation. [Read more](#)

Fiserv Back2Business Grant Programme

Grants available to ethnically diverse-owned small businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19 and lockdown restrictions in the UK. Maximum value: £10,000. [Read more](#)

Application deadline: 31 December 2021

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](#).

Norfolk Community Foundation

Norfolk Community Foundation offers a range of [funding](#) and support opportunities for voluntary groups and charities doing great work across Norfolk. They aim to invest in genuinely good ideas led by local people that make a real difference in our communities.

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

Suffolk Community Foundation

Suffolk Community Foundation has developed a high level of expertise in supporting thousands of community groups and grassroots charities in Suffolk to access funding. [Read more](#)

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](#).

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.

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.

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.

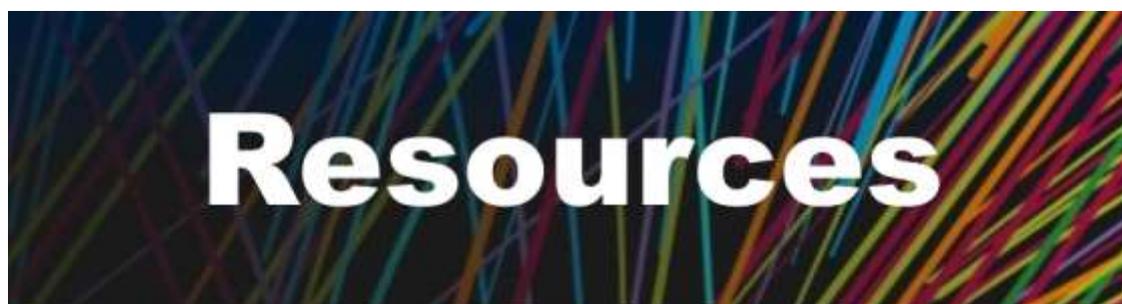


Suffolk Culture Network

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. To join email thomas.beese@suffolk.gov.uk Next Meeting Date: **24 November 2021 at 2pm** - To access the Zoom link for this meeting, [click here](#).

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](#).



Global Fibre Impact Explorer

[Textile Exchange](#) is proud to take on the [Global Fibre Impact Explorer](#) – a tool built by Google in partnership with WWF that helps brands understand the environmental risk of their raw materials

sourcing. Our goal in taking the tool into 2022 and beyond is to equip all brands, big and small, with the data they need to make more sustainable sourcing decisions.

New Quality Framework Planned for Social Prescribing

The National Association of Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA), the National Academy of Social Prescribing (NASP) and London 2012 legacy funder Spirit of 2012 have together launched a project to make social prescribing easier and more effective. [Read more](#)

Culture: The Missing Link to Climate Action

A new report by Julie's Bicycle, [Culture: The Missing Link to Climate Action](#), says that the global creative community has embraced environmental action at local, sectoral and national level, which has grown substantially during the pandemic, and there is an opportunity now for government policy to draw on the culture sector's creativity and power to motivate.

ACE - Building on Environmental Commitments

ACE has published [Environmental Responsibility: From Understanding to Action](#), which is the first stage of their new environmental policy and action plan. It summarises the environmental impacts and carbon footprint and what they've been doing to change.

Creative Industries PEC led by nesta New Research Focus on Climate Change

We're partnering with Julie's Bicycle to look at a research agenda on [climate change](#) for the creative industries. As part of this new research initiative, we have also commissioned two new projects on net zero and sustainability goals in the theatre and fashion sectors: [Managing transition in the UK fashion sector](#) & [Transitioning to sustainable production across the UK theatre sector](#) .

Arts Council England Delivery Plan 2021-24

To achieve the vision of Let's Create, ACE will publish a series of Delivery Plans over the next decade. These will set out in more detail the steps it will take to deliver Let's Create and how it will resource them. The first Delivery Plan covers 2021-24. Its a live document, which will be added to and updated over the coming months and years. [Read More](#)

Creative UK Report

The UK Creative Industries is the first report of its kind, exploring the power and potential of the UK's creative industries to regenerate places, rebuild the economy, drive innovation and create jobs in all parts of the UK. [Read more](#)

The Audience Agency 'Build Back Creatively' Toolkit

As the UK emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic and looks to the future, it's clear that Britain's genuinely world-beating creative industries can play a vital role both in rebuilding the country's economy and helping communities emerge from successive lockdowns.

This toolkit is a practical document that you can begin using today to work out how you to boost your local creative economy. [Download it here](#)

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.

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.

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](#)

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

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

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