



StartEast January bulletin

Happy New Year! Welcome to the January edition of our bulletin.

This issue 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 stareast@norfolk.gov.uk

The StartEast Team

StartEast Website and Communications Survey

We are reviewing the StartEast website, e-bulletin and social media channels that we use to inform StartEast alumni and new sign ups about the latest support and opportunities available to creative businesses and entrepreneurs in Norfolk & Suffolk.

We hope that you will take 5 minutes to complete our short survey and value your feedback greatly to help us to improve what we offer.

[Please complete here](#)

The survey will close on the 31 January 2022.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.



Creative Unlimited

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.

University of Suffolk Entrepreneurs Forge

The [Entrepreneurs Forge](#) is an immersive development programme designed to help personal resilience and economic recovery and growth in Suffolk, and is a partnership between Creative Unlimited Suffolk, New Anglia LEP, Start East, Suffolk County Council and the University of Suffolk.

[Immersive Lab](#): new immersive training and innovation space for creative digital business, freelancers and start-ups.

[Mini MBA Programme](#): an 8 week development, growth and resilience programme of masterclasses, group activities and peer-to-peer support to learn about entrepreneurial leadership.

[Bootcamp Programme](#): an intensive student and graduate bootcamp to collaborate on projects and connect with commercial clients.

Think Lowestoft

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.

[Think Lowestoft Events](#)

[Lowestoft Virtual Creative Hub: networking event](#) – 25 Jan, 18:00 start

[Think Lowestoft: Funding workshop + Q&A with Julia Devonshire](#) – 8 Feb, 11:00-13:30

[Lowestoft Towns Fund Update and Think Lowestoft Website Presentation](#) – 18 Feb, 14:00-14:30

[Think Lowestoft & East Suffolk Business Festival – Virtual Creative Hub](#) – 16 Feb, 12:00-13:00



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](#).

Build the Foundations of Your Business

Starting in January, [Business Builder](#) is a series of five new webinars being run in collaboration with NatWest. The events are designed to support and challenge you to develop the right foundations for your business. Each 60-minute webinar is tailored to meet a specific business need, offering attendees an opportunity to upskill in the company of other like-minded business owners, share experiences, and work through individual and group exercises to implement the learning into their own business.

BIPC Norfolk Online networking for the New Year

BIPC Norfolk is holding a quarterly Business Break online - and the first one is on Monday 31 January from 11.00-12.00.

Aimed at aspiring start-ups, small business owners and home workers, Business Break is a chance to meet like-minded business people and increase your contacts.

As well as an opportunity to connect and chat, we can answer any questions about BIPC Norfolk resources and how they can support your start-up or existing business. [Book now for Business Break online networking](#).

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](#).

New Onwards Norfolk Project Offers Free Upskilling Opportunities

Onwards Norfolk is an exciting new project run by Norwich BID, King's Lynn BID and Great Yarmouth Town Centre Partnership funded via the government's UK Community Renewal Fund. The project will offer local business free courses such as digital and media training, and upskilling opportunities for the leisure and hospitality sector, including accredited food safety courses.

As well as free courses, they are running a Net Zero Waste Champions project, helping businesses to reduce their costs and increase sustainability, and opening brand-new Business Support Hubs where business owners can drop in for advice and guidance. [Find out more about Onwards Norfolk and register your interest](#).

East Suffolk Business Festival

East Suffolk's annual business festival begins on Monday 7 February, with an online programme of events and seminars designed to support local businesses.

The festival will feature a range of easily accessible, 'bite sized' events which will provide an opportunity for local businesses to learn something new, find out what's happening in their area and learn where they can access local support programmes. Recorded events, podcasts and pre-recorded webinars will be made available throughout the two-week period. [Businesses can pre-register now](#).

The Arts Fundraising & Philanthropy BRIDGE Programme

[Lightful's](#) BRIDGE programme (Building Resilience in Digital Growth and Engagement), is designed to help you use digital channels to showcase your impact, build your online community, and increase your fundraising. Over six months, from February 2022 - July 2022, [BRIDGE](#) will help you to raise more funds using digital channels and will teach you how to create and

implement successful online fundraising campaigns.

Arts Fundraising & Philanthropy will be heavily subsidising places for cultural organisations. This means the full six-month programme will be available for between £250 and £500, depending on the size of your organisation. [Apply here](#)

Deadline for applications: 31 January 2022

Introduction To The Creative Industries Programme 2022, The Garage

“Want to work in a creative, interesting environment? Aged 18-30 and not in education or working? The Garage's 2022 [Introduction to the Creative Industries Programme](#) could be for you! Whether you are interested in music, events, art, dance, writing, project management, performance, making things happen, or generally have an interest in being creative and want a career that makes you jump out of bed in the morning. This free, part-time programme delivered by our friends The Garage, aims to help you understand more about creative jobs and support you on the next step of your journey to a creative career. Throughout the programme you will have weekly group sessions, industry expert talks, trips to creative organisations and one-to-one mentoring sessions.

The programme is supported by Norfolk Community Foundation through New Anglia LEP Community Challenge

To book an interview, email recruitment@thegarage.org.uk or call 01603 283382 and leave your name, contact details and quote 'Introduction to the Creative Industries'.

Inc Arts Talent Finder

Inc Arts has gathered databases, networks and lists built by people under-represented in the arts, and put them in one place for the sector, whether you are looking for creatives or business support. [Read more](#)

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](#) will start again in March 2022 and will run 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](#)

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.

Go Digital Funding Programme

[Free digital business support](#) available for small and medium sized businesses in Norfolk. Learn how to better use digital tools to identify business opportunities and help your business grow.

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](#)



Common Ground Lead Artist Commission, Norfolk & Norwich Festival

Norfolk & Norwich Festival is offering a Common Ground Lead Artist Commission of £34,800. They are seeking a company or collective who are skilled, knowledgeable, and experienced in using their artistic practice for action research and community engagement to deliver creative projects for young people about heritage. Common Ground is a Norfolk & Norwich Festival 250th Anniversary project supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Deadline: 10am on 7 February 2022. [Find the artist brief here](#)

Community Artist/Collective Commission: Westwood Walkway, Peterborough Presents
In partnership with WestRaven Community Café and Garden and the Big Local, Peterborough Presents are seeking an Artist, Creative Practitioner, or Creative Collective to reinvigorate a public walkway at the Hampton Court Shopping Centre, Westwood, Peterborough. We are seeking artists who have experience working directly with communities to make relevant, heartfelt work. A total of £3,500 will be awarded to the commissioned artist / organisation. [Read more](#) Deadline: 11 February 2022 at 5pm

DanceEast Associate Artists Programme

The DanceEast Associate Artists programme is a bespoke way of working – individually tailoring packages to provide specialist artist development support for individuals looking to develop their practice within the dance industry. The aim is to support sole artists or duos but is not a commission to create a singular piece of work. [Read more](#)

Deadline: 18 February 2022

Abandon Normal Devices: Open Call for UK Artists Impossible Perspectives Lab

In Spring 2022 (14th – 18th March) six artists will be invited to a residential lab exploring the visionary potential of XR (extended reality) technologies at Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire. [The residency](#) will culminate in a series of proposals for new digital artworks, site-specific immersive experiences and XR public art under the banner of 'Impossible Perspectives'. One, or a number

of the proposals may be considered for inclusion in a site-wide exhibition at Tatton Park. Application Deadline: 31 January 2022

Arebyte: Open Screen Call For Disabled Artists Working in the Digital Realm

Developed in partnership with Shape Arts in 2021, [Open Screen](#) seeks proposals for existing works that respond to the theme of Sci-Fi.

The selected work will be presented on arebyte on Screen, arebyte's expanded and innovative online platform for digital animations, videos, web-based interactive experiences and curatorial interventions. Each selected artist receives a £300 artist fee and curatorial support from arebyte. Application Deadline: 11.49pm on 7 March 2022

Brighton and Hove City Council: Public Art Commission

Brighton & Hove City Council has announced an [open call](#) for an artist for an artwork for a new housing scheme adjacent to Portslade Town Hall which will provide enhanced new public realm and 42 new council homes. This is a permanent commission for an innovative solution which will augment the public realm with a creative artistic input which responds to the curatorial theme of ecologies of care.

Three shortlisted artists will receive a fee of £500 to outline their approach and present to the selection panel. There is a total budget of £25,000 + VAT for all fees, fabrication and installation costs and management. Application Deadline: Midday 7 February 2022

The Place: Choreodrome 2022 Residency Applications Open

Applications for Choreodrome, The Place's annual residency programme for experienced makers to explore new artistic territory without the pressure of creating a finished product, are now open. [The Choreodrome Research Residencies](#) allow artists to develop their own choreographic work or ideas. Artists will receive studio space and will be invited to take part in work in progress sharings, weekly artist get togethers, as well as receiving a commission of £1,500 - £10,000. Application Deadline: 24 January 2022

Freelance Co-Facilitator (Nature & Environment) - Under Open Sky Ltd

Salary: £2,150

Contract: March to July & September 2022, dates tbc [Apply Here](#)

Deadline: 31 January 2022

Eccles Centre: Visiting Fellowships in Americas Research at the British Library

[Eccles Centre Visiting Fellowships](#) are aimed at artists, creatives and academics whose work would benefit from a month's research into the British Library's North American, Caribbean, Central American and/or South American collections. Applicants may apply for between £1,000 & £3,000, depending on where they are based.

Application Deadline: 5pm 1 February 2022

Now Play This: Games and Democracy Open Call

[Now Play This](#) is returning to Somerset House in Spring 2022, exploring the relationship between game design and democracy. We are looking for games, installations, playful activities and workshops in a variety of formats and expressions. The festival pays a honorarium for exhibited projects and provides all hardware required to display. We can also cover additional expenses required to showcase work.

Application Deadline: 11:59pm, 31 January 2022

PATH-AI Residency Programme: Call for Applications

Somerset House Studios and the UAL Creative Computing Institute, in partnership with The Alan Turing Institute, the University of Edinburgh, and the RIKEN research institute in Japan, launch the [PATH-AI residency programme](#). Commissioning artists to create new works critically engaging with intercultural ideas of privacy, agency, and trust in relation to artificial intelligence (AI) and other data-driven technologies. Three artists will be supported to develop new works within a 6-month remote residency programme, which includes a £5,000 artist fee and a £5,000 production budget, alongside curatorial and artist development support.

Application Deadline: 31 January 2022

Pavilion Dance South West: Digital Commission Open Call

PDSW is looking to commission a new [Digital Dance work](#) for online audiences.

PDSW will provide a commission fee of up to £5,000 plus an additional £1,000 for access.

PDSW will also provide support and time (Producing, Technical, Marketing) and a platform/screening to share the work produced with BSL and captions.

Application Deadline: 11 February 2022

Living Record Festival micro-bursaries for artists and producers from working-class backgrounds

[The Living Record Festival](#) is offering micro-bursaries of £50 per person (funded by Arts Council England Project Grants) to help artists from a working class background to access the Living Record Festival 2022, particularly our artist development programme of events. We would like to invest in artists taking advantage of our entire digital programme this Festival and as a result being inspired to pitch an idea for inclusion on our platform - generating income for your work, reaching audiences and providing a showcase for you to build on for other opportunities. [Apply here](#)

INN CROWD are seeking to commission new Live Literature shows for Pub touring from August 2022

INN CROWD works with some of the UK's top spoken word and live literature artists and performers to provide rural pubs with professional, high-quality and exciting live entertainment.

Commission Opportunities:

Co-Production: Do you have an idea or for a new show, set or performance that could be developed with assistance from the Inn Crowd consortium? Ready-to-go Shows: Do you have a show that already exists and is currently suitable for Pub touring? If the answer is 'yes' to either of these questions, Inn Crowd would love to hear from you.

Deadline: 31 January 2022

Equal Arts Call Out for Artists Delivering Creative Workshops with People Living in Care

Equal Arts is looking to work with artists with experience or an interest in working with older people and those living with dementia. To deliver sessions which include ceramics, music, movement, textiles, performing arts, visual arts, digital, sculpture, creative writing, horticulture and hen-keeping. Training in Dementia & Imagination and Creative Communication is available and DBS and Safeguarding is a requirement. To register your interest in working with Equal Arts please fill out an artist profile form [here](#).

Deadline: 31 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 on 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.

SPACE: Colchester Studio Awards Call for Applications

Between February 2022 and January 2024, SPACE Colchester will be awarding 4 emerging and re-emerging visual artists, working or living in Colchester or the surrounding areas, who are under-represented* in the art world, free studio space to help progress their practice. As well as a rent-free studio for 6 months, the opportunity will also include £250 towards materials and support to develop new ideas and experimentation.

*For the purpose of this award, our definition of under-represented artists refers to individuals whose ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socio-economic background may have affected their career advancement. [Read more](#)

Deadline: 27 January 2022

A Bit Of A Do: Commissions Created by Disabled Artists and/or Disabled-Led Companies, Drunken Chorus

Applications are now open to receive one of 3 commissions for disabled artists to present new

work at 'A Bit Of A Do' Festival in 2022. [Read more](#)

Application Deadline: 12 midday, 25 January 2022

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

Another Route: Advice & Information Surgery for Another Route Applications

26 January 2022, 18:30-19:30

An informal drop-in session for artists or companies considering applying to Another Route. Join the Another Route team for an Advice & Information Surgery to learn more about the Another Route Fellowship. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

[Book here](#)

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](#)

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

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](#).



Creative Ideas Workshops, The Lirary Presents & Babylon Arts

A series of online talks and workshops, all costing £5, designed to support you as an artist or creative practitioner.

[Make Your Own Damn Tea: building resilience in freelancers as they change the world, with Athena Stevens from Freelancers Make Theatre Work](#) - 1 February 2022, 13:30-15:00

[Creating Confidence: with Erin Sanchez from One Dance UK and the National Institute of Dance Medicine and Science \(NIDMS\)](#) - 9 February 2022, 11:00-12:30

[Promoting Yourself: with Mimi Doulton from Freelancers Make Theatre Work](#) - 22 February 2022, 13:00-14:30

Suffolk County Council, Culture Team have collaborated with Community Action Suffolk (CAS) to offer 3 bespoke training sessions for the cultural and creative sector. The new training sessions include:

[The Volunteer Journey: Plan, Include, Support and Celebrate](#) - 24 January 2022, 10:00-14:00

[Volunteers and Law and Innovative Approaches to Volunteering](#) - 14 February 2022, 10:00–13:30

[Dealing with Challenging Volunteer Situations](#) - 28 February 2022, 10:00–12:30

Free online Tourism Workshop on 'Reaching your Target Markets & Distributing Product'
EXPERIENCE

Are you keen to consider or reassess your market and identify possible new targets and consumer segments?

[These sessions](#) are targeted to businesses keen to develop a marketing offer for experiential visitors. This includes how and where to effectively distribute products to reach target markets. Led by experts the session is designed with a more hands on approach to ensure it is specific and tailored to your needs.

There are two dates, offering a morning or evening slot:

8 February 2022, 10:00-11.30 - [Register here](#)

10 February 2022 18:00-19:30 - [Register here](#)

CULTURE DECLARES EMERGENCY EAST OF ENGLAND - ONLINE HUB LAUNCH

7 February 2022, 18:00-19:30

[Pre-register to receive the Zoom link](#)

Culture Declares Emergency (CDE) is a growing movement of individuals and organisations in the cultural sector declaring a climate and ecological emergency. The CDE hub for East of England welcomes cultural practitioners, artists, producers, creatives, heritage workers and activists to talk about why it's time to declare a climate emergency, establish a local network and meet like-minded individuals and organisations who actively care about the planet. Join us to see how we could work together to reimagine a sustainable and regenerative world - Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2067152200099107>

Arts & Health Hub: How to Write Funding Applications

11 & 25 February 2022. 14:00-16:00 (cost for both sessions £45)

Are you intrigued and confused by the world of funding? Want to tackle funding applications but not sure where to start? This 2 part workshop aims to demystify and breakdown the world of funding applications into something understandable and achievable for artists. [Book here](#)

Company Concentric Resource Roundtables

The [Resource Roundtables](#) are interactive group conversations which invite artists to reflect on a different aspect of their practice each month. Recent topics include working collectively, digital design, gender awareness and self-care. Each event combines self-reflection with networking time and peer support, allowing everyone to engage equally, share their questions and perspectives on the theme. Up coming dates: 2 February 2022, 2 March 2022, 6 April 2022

SDHRC Research Webinar series 2021-2022 -'Health Through Arts: Connecting People & Communities'

[Sidney De Haan Research Centre for Arts and Health \(SDHRC\)](#) is launching a new research webinar series. Confirmed speakers from the UK, Europe, USA, and Australia will explore important

interrogations around the impact of arts-based applications on individuals in healthcare and wellbeing contexts and settings.

['Applied theatre in paediatrics: Can participatory performance mitigate educational, emotional and social consequences of missing out school during hospitalisation?'](#) 25 January 2022, 14:00

['The Galaxy Choir: Exploring the impact of a choir for adults with a learning disability: promising findings and ways forward'](#) - 22 February 2022, 14:00

['Applied puppetry in healthcare and disability'](#) - 22 March 2022, 13:00

Engage: Sharing Space Series on Co-Creation, January & February 2022

Engage are running four linked online conversations on visual arts and co-creation. Each session will include presentations, discussion, social time, and space to share practice.

Join colleagues from the UK in January and February in four linked online conversations on visual arts and co-creation. Each session will include presentations, discussion, social time, and space to share practice. [Read more](#)

Short Form Content for Social Media, The Space, Birmingham

Online, 27 January 2022, 11:00–12:30

The Space is hosting a free webinar for arts organisations and artists who want to create short form content to make an impact on social media. [Book here](#)

TEA Break Sessions from The Audience Agency

[Free monthly online TEA \(Talking Evidence and Audiences\) Breaks](#) offer a regular introduction to The Audience Agency's latest research, projects and sector knowledge - grab a cuppa and listen in.

Available dates:

[9 February 2022, 14:30-15:15](#)

[9 March 2022, 14:15-15:00](#)

[I Like Networking Events](#) - cost £7 or free for members

[Make your Socials Work: Content for Creatives](#) - 8 February 2022, 18:00-19:00

Jessica Bruno teaches people how to get rid of that post-anxiety and make them feel powerful with every piece of content. This will be an in-depth master class on how to utilise social media for your brand or biz through 2022. By the end of this masterclass, you will walk away with a clearer content strategy, understand the value of content pillars and how you can utilise them for your online brand.

[Confidence 101 for Creative Careers](#) - 15 March 2022, 18:00-19:00

Are you waiting for the confidence to create the career you want? If so, stop right now and get yourself to this webinar where we will bust some myths and deliver some truths around confidence and what you actually need to build the creative career you want.

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.](#)

Thriving Communities Webinars

[Physical Activity and Social Prescribing](#): 25 January 2022, 15:00-16:00

[Libraries and Social Prescribing Innovation](#) -22 February 2022, 15:00-16:15

Deaf Awareness: Reducing Barriers in the Workplace

23 February 2022, 11:00-12:00

This event will cover some key findings and statistics around deaf employment, include the lived experience of a deaf employee and will give you practical tips on how you, as an employer, can reduce the barriers for deaf people in the workplace. [Read more](#)

CGO Institute: Introduction To Producing Workshops

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. [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](#)

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

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

[Business Planning](#) - 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.



Funding

Road to Net Zero Grants, New Anglia LEP

[Road to Net Zero grants](#) will support Norfolk and Suffolk businesses to access grants from £1,000 to £25,000 for projects that will deliver carbon saving reductions. The grant can contribute up to 75% of eligible project costs. Projects can be wide ranging and include, but not restricted to, energy efficiency, clean energy, supply chain engagement, behaviour change/education, reducing waste.

Help to Grow: Digital scheme launched to support small businesses with discounted software and free advice

Access free, impartial online support about how digital technology can boost your business's performance. If your business is eligible, you can also access a discount of up to 50% towards the costs of buying approved software, worth up to £5,000. [Read more](#)

Essex County Council Arts and Cultural Fund

Grants are available to artists and cultural organisations in Essex to deliver projects and activities to support the arts and culture sector and bring communities together. The [Arts and Cultural Fund](#) has been launched by Essex County Council. The £1 million fund will support the sector over the next five years and enable organisations and practitioners to develop a long term and sustainable future for arts and culture in the county. Grants of between £2,500 and £30,000 per annum are available.

Deadline: 28 February 2022 (midnight)

Suffolk Community Foundation - Arts & Culture Fund

[Small grants](#) of up to £2,000 are available to groups in Suffolk for arts and culture projects to improve the lives of those most in need.

Deadline: 5pm on 28 February 2022

Farnham Maltings: Working Class Artists Theatre Project Funding

Farnham Maltings are offering support for up to 5 new theatre projects created by South East based theatre makers who identify as or describe their background as: working class, benefit class, criminal class or underclass. [This funding](#) will support a range of different approaches working with theatre makers who are just starting out in their careers to more experienced artists.

Awards will be up to £2,000 and may encompass a mix of cash and support such as producing advice or rehearsal space, we'd consider the best way we could work with each theatre maker to best support their proposal.

Application Deadline: 7 February 2022

Creative Enterprise / Scale - Business Planning Support

The [Creative Enterprise Business Planning Support](#) will pay grants of up to £5,000 to support companies who work in moving image for storytelling, spanning film television, games and immersive, to build meaningful connections and create opportunities for business growth. Applications will remain open until March 2022 or until the fund is depleted, whichever occurs sooner.

Radcliffe Trust

[Funding](#) is available for UK charities, not-for-profit and Exempt organisations working in the areas of music, especially chamber music, composition and music education, or in heritage and crafts. Maximum value: £ 7,500.

Application deadline: 31 January 2022

Living Record Festival micro-bursaries for artists and producers from working-class backgrounds

[The Living Record Festival](#) is offering micro-bursaries of £50 per person to help artists from a working class background to access the Living Record Festival 2022, particularly our artist development programme of events. We would like to invest in artists taking advantage of our entire digital programme this Festival and as a result being inspired to pitch an idea for inclusion on our platform - generating income for your work, reaching audiences and providing a showcase for you to build on for other opportunities. [Apply here](#)

Making Waves Ceramics Trust

[Making Waves Ceramics Trust](#) has been created to provide innovative ceramic artists with financial support to hone their techniques and establish themselves in the world of ceramic sculpture. Grants can be used for various purposes, including: equipment costs, taking part in further training, studio space or living costs. Maximum value: £ 5,000.

Application deadline: 28 February 2022

Screenskills Bursaries

[Funding](#) to addresses the skills and training needs of the TV and screen industry in the UK, to create jobs and training opportunities, and to strengthen and build skills to ensure the robust growth of the sector is secured with a fully skilled and growing workforce. This programme provided by ScreenSkills and supported by BFI-awarded National Lottery funds.

Application deadline: 13 March 2022

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.

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 Benevolent Fund Investment

ACE has announced [£1.5 Million of new investment](#) in three benevolent funds to provide financial aid for individuals working across the cultural sector. These are the [Theatre Artists Fund](#) and [Help For Musicians](#) (both receiving £650,000) and [a-n, The Artist Information Company](#), a charity for visual artists (receiving £200,000).

This funding will give a much needed helping hand to freelancers who work in creativity and culture in the coming weeks and months.

Emergency funding available for arts, culture and heritage doubled to £60 million to tackle impact of Omicron

Emergency funding from Culture Recovery Fund increased by £30 million to help more organisations through the winter. [Read more](#)

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 deadline: 28 February 2022

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. Applications can be from any artform and from artists at any stage in their career. Grants of up to £2,500 are available.

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](#)

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

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](#)

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: 15 March 2022, 14:00-15:30 - 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.](#)

Join #CreativeNetwork - Wellbeing

Part of Creative Lives (formerly Voluntary Arts) #CreativeNetwork series of discussions and sharing events.

#CreativeNetwork - Wellbeing is a monthly conversation, providing the chance to exchange experiences, encourage peer support for practitioner and facilitator wellbeing and share good practice. This event series is delivered in partnership with the Culture Health and Wellbeing Alliance

31 January 2021, 1 - 2pm - [REGISTER NOW](#)

Join us for a creative lunch break. As the January Challenge comes to an end, we'll be joined by 64 Million Artists' Jemima Frankel and Associate Artist, Michaela Tranfield, who will share the ethos and inspiration behind the challenges and facilitate a creative exchange exploring boundaries and boundary setting.



New Research Report Practising Well: Conversations & Support Menu

Nicola Naismith has published a new research report Practising Well: Conversations & Support Menu which explores wellbeing at work for creative practitioners working in participatory arts. Nicola says " This is a critical time, creative practitioners will be living and processing their own experiences of recent seismic events whilst supporting others through participatory arts offers. A culture change is needed in the participatory arts sector to ensure creative practitioners are consistently supported in the work they do." You can access the full report and alternative versions [here](#).

Report: The role of the arts during the Covid-19 pandemic

Key findings of this report published by University College London (UCL) and funded by Arts

Council England include an increase in creative and cultural engagement in lower income and lower education groups during the pandemic. [Read more](#)

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](#) .

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](#)

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

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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