



NCACE: WHAT WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO: OUR MISSION

NCACE is the National Centre for Academic and Cultural Exchange. We were established in 2020 with support from Research England to: Facilitate and support capacity for knowledge Exchange and Collaborations of all kinds between Higher Education and the Arts and Culture Sectors with a particular focus on evidencing and showcasing the social, cultural, environmental, as well as economic impacts of such activities.

The purpose of these visualisations is: to create pathways and maps through some of the rich resources that we have been developing since 2020 and give a snapshot of our communities of interest.

OUR NETWORKS AND COMMUNITIES

Since our launch we have been nurturing powerful and diverse communities of interest, across key contemporary themes; from Place to Climate, Ethics to Technology for Social Good, Health to Decolonialisation. The people that connect with us work across academia, the arts and culture sectors, local, regional and national policy and funding bodies.

This rich network of researchers, knowledge creators, artists, arts professionals, policy makers, funders, and others tend to have one major thing in common. Regardless of where they are based, what their key areas of work are, or what stage they are at in their increasingly multi-faceted careers, they are all interested in the power and potential of collaboration, partnerships, knowledge exchange and associated work such as public and civic engagement.

OUR WORK

EVENTS

Our events strands include: Knowledge Impacts Network (KIN), Evidence Café, The Power of Collaborative Action, our Annual Showcase event, Culture and Collaborations, our Annual Policy Workshop,, Ideas Pools, Meet Ups, NCACE Festival of Cultural Knowledge Exchange.

Since our public launch in Spring 2021, we have curated over 70 online events bringing together thousands of participants, including researchers and professionals from 148 Higher Education Institutions across the UK as well as people from hundreds of cultural organisations, cultural practitioners, policy bodies, local authorities and funders.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

NCACE's core publications include: key research reports, case studies, tool kits and long-form essays. This work forms the NCACE Collection which we developed as a space to house, showcase and create awareness about the themes explored through our publications. To date we have authored and commissioned almost seventy publications, from short reads through to indepth reports, that are broadly concerned with Cultural Knowledge Exchange.

BLOG PLATFORM

Our Blog Platform showcases significant and diverse stories, experiences and reflections about collaboration. We have published over 80 blogs from the start of the project, representing voices across the entire HE and arts spectrum, from Directors of Research Councils to sole arts practitioners.



KEF

A key part of our work at NCACE is better understanding how universities and the arts and culture sectors work together and the impacts of such collaborations, partnerships and cultural knowledge exchange. The Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF) is a key way for universities to share important narratives and other data about such activities. As well as undertaking research on KEF as a support mechanism for Cultural Knowledge Exchange, we have also created opportunities for information-sharing and discussion and the publication of associated blogs on KEF.

SOUNDCLOUD

-  [NCACE Evidence Café 13: Knowledge Exchange and Small Specialist Arts - 9 May 2024](#)
-  [NCACE Evidence Café 4: Evidence from KEF Narratives - 28 October 2021](#)

BLOGS

-  [The KEF 2021 narratives and what they tell us about HEIs' engagement with the arts and cultural sector](#)
-  [Knowledge exchange has always been at the heart of music conservatoires, but do current metrics accurately reflect the richness of these KE environments?](#)

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-  [Small and specialist arts institutions and the Knowledge Exchange Framework](#)
-  [HEIs' Engagement with the Arts and Cultural Sector: Evidence from the Knowledge Exchange Framework 2021 Narratives](#)



STORYTELLING

In many ways, storytelling is fundamental to NCACE's work. Whether it be through brokering partnerships, convening events or curating the Collection, NCACE provides a platform for stories of collaboration, as well as the stories of individuals and groups that make those collaborations possible. Central to this role is a nuanced and inclusive understanding of storytelling – an understanding that privileges co-creation and open-endedness over the conventional 'hero's journey' narrative.

BLOGS

-  [The Selectivity of Storytelling](#)
-  [Sharing Forgotten Stories](#)
-  [Part One: Are Citizens the True Innovators of Knowledge?](#)
-  [Part Two: Storytelling as a collaborative language for cultural exchange](#)
-  [Around the Kitchen Table](#)
-  [100 ways to cook pasta](#)

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-  [Narrating Cultural Knowledge Exchange: Stories and perspectives from Knowledge Exchange professionals working in Higher Education in the UK](#)



LEADERSHIP

The leadership of Cultural Knowledge Exchange requires a complex set of skills and competencies, and offers a unique set of leadership challenges. Leaders of practice may not be in recognised leadership positions within institutions, or may be working in an area that is undervalued due to a non-commercial focus. One might be in the position of leading a coalition of leaders in a large collaboration, dealing with a diffuse leadership model and managing a complex set of institutional values, motivations and systems. Many leaders in Cultural Knowledge Exchange are female, and wish to explore more authentic modes of operation.

SOUNDCLOUD

-  [NCACE Collection Summer Showcase - 16 July 2024](#)
-  [Tools For Leading Cross Sector Collaborations - 10 October 2022](#)

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-  [Leadership in Cultural Knowledge Exchange](#)
-  [NCACE Action Research Report: Skills and Capacity for Knowledge Exchange with the Arts and Cultural Sector](#)



CREATIVE HEALTH

The arts and culture sector and universities have deep histories in working collaboratively on creative projects that support many diverse aspects of health and well-being. Our work at NCACE has focused on: showcasing some of the key ways in which such work occurs and providing spaces to discuss the importance of knowledge and cultural networks and ecologies in relationship to creative health in its broadest sense.

SOUNDCLOUD

-  [NCACE Collection Summer Showcase - 16 July 2024](#)
-  [Collaborations in Creative Health - 22 June 2023](#)
-  [NCACE Evidence Café: Cultural Collaborations for Health and Wellbeing - 3 November 2022](#)
-  [Patients as Artists: Innovating Dementia Care - 13 October 2022](#)

BLOGS

-  [Findings Ways to Collaborate: In the Eye of the Storm](#)
-  [Coming together creatively to talk about loneliness and communication](#)
-  [Lived experience, co-creation and creative possibilities for health and wellbeing](#)

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-  [Aesop's Dance to Health](#)
-  [Dreamachine](#)
-  [My Memory Forest: An Arts-Health Intervention for Children](#)

 [Narratives of Personal Renewal](#)

 [Saffron Hall - Together in Sound](#)



PLACE

Universities and arts and culture sector organisations, albeit in different ways, occupy key roles in the locations where they are based and the communities with whom they connect. They drive economic growth as well as providing a raft of considerable social benefits. Our work at NCACE has focused on showcasing some of the ways in which such work occurs and on providing spaces to discuss the importance of knowledge and cultural networks and ecologies in relationship to place-making and shaping.

SOUNDCLOUD

-  [Why Does Place Matter? Foregrounding Felt Experiences - 14 October 2022](#)
-  [Nurturing Collaborations: Understanding a City's Creative & Culture Ecology - 12 October 2022](#)
-  [The Power of Collaborative Action: People, Place and Planet - 9 March 2022](#)
-  [Collaborations in Place-making - 17 June 2021](#)
-  [NCACE Evidence Café 2 - 11 May 2021](#)

BLOGS

-  [From Policy to Practice: bridging the gap in place-based research and innovation](#)
-  [The University's Role in Culture-led Place-Shaping](#)
-  [The Art of Performance of City Strategy in a Pandemic](#)
-  [NCACE Collaborations in Placemaking: Shining a Light on the Contribution of Higher](#)

-  [Education and Cultural Partnerships](#)
-  [Transformations: The Significance of Community Spaces](#)
-  [God's Eye View: Curating the intersections between artist, audience and place](#)
-  [An Overview of 'The Role of 'Place' in Collaborations': Place-based and Place-focused Cultural Knowledge Exchange'](#)

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-  [Civic and Place: framing the role of cultural development in Art and Design](#)
-  [The Role of 'Place' in Collaborations Between HEIs and the Arts and Cultural Sector](#)
-  [Placing Placemaking: Exploring what constitutes best practice in UK universities](#)
-  [Temporary Contemporary](#)
-  [iMayflower](#)
-  [Disembodied Territories](#)
-  [S.H.E.D](#)
-  [Shape Our City](#)



ETHICS

NCACE believes that how we collaborate is as important as the outputs and impacts produced. Equitable collaboration involves thought, care and good communication from the very start of the process, it can involve challenging institutional and cultural norms and requires a dizzying array of skills. KE leaders need support, time and space to improve ethical practice.

SOUNDCLOUD

-  [NCACE Collection Summer Showcase - 16 July 2024](#)
-  [NCACE KIN: Co-creating better ethics processes for Cultural Knowledge Exchange - 17 May 2023](#)
-  [KIN: Are Ethics Processes for Cultural Knowledge Exchange Fit for Purpose? - 25 January 2023](#)

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-  [Careful Collaborations: Ethics and Care in Cultural Knowledge Exchange and Trans-Disciplinary Research](#)



COLLABORATION AND CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Collaboration and Cultural Knowledge Exchange lie at the heart of everything that we do at NCACE. We create spaces to facilitate and support such work and to bring people together for discussion and partnership building. We also showcase the tremendous collaborative activities that are taking place between our universities and the arts and culture sectors and furthermore, we are constantly creating fresh evidence on the impacts, potentials and indeed challenges of these crucial ways of working.

SOUNDCLOUD

- [Cultures of Change: Arts and Humanities As a Space of Invention - 10 December 2025](#)
- [NCACE Festival of Cultural Knowledge Exchange: Getting Involved - 20 November 2025](#)
- [NCACE Evidence Café 15 - Collaborative Research Between Universities and Cultural Institutions: Achieving Transformative Impact - 9 October 2025](#)
- [NCACE Collection Spring Showcase - 8 May 2025](#)
- [NCACE Collection Summer Showcase - 16 July 2024](#)
- [NCACE KIN: Co-designing questions for Cultural Knowledge Exchange and Trans-Disciplinary Research - 21 February 2024](#)
- [NCACE Evidence Café 9: NCACE Collection Launch - 30 March 2023](#)
- [The Power of Collaborative Action III: Leading the Future of Cultural Knowledge Exchange - 8 March 2023](#)
- [KIN: Are Ethics Processes for Cultural Knowledge Exchange Fit for Purpose? - 25 January 2023](#)

- [NCACE Evidence Café: Cultural Collaborations for Health and Wellbeing - 3 November 2022](#)
- [How can the KE Concordat Support Excellent Cultural Knowledge Exchange? - 14 October 2022](#)
- [Social and Cultural Knowledge Exchange in the HE-BCI Review - 13 October 2022](#)
- [Changing Culture: Knowledge Exchange, Policy and Practice - 13 October 2022](#)
- [Ideas Lab: Defining & Refining Non-Financial Impact in Cultural Partnership - 11 October 2022](#)
- [Cultural Compacts, collaboration, knowledge exchange - 11 October 2022](#)
- [Tools For Leading Cross Sector Collaborations - 10 October 2022](#)
- [Evidence Café 6: Narrating Cultural Knowledge Exchange - 18 May 2022](#)
- [Evidence Café 5: Cultural Knowledge Exchange and the Climate Emergency - 20 January 2022](#)
- [NCACE Evidence Café 3: Announcing new NCACE research and Evidence Repository - 15 July 2021](#)
- [Knowledge Impacts Network: Co-Designing KIN - 23 June 2021](#)
- [NCACE Evidence Café Launch - 16 March 2021](#)
- [Part 1: Knowledge Impacts Network \(KIN\) Launch - 11 March 2021](#)
- [Part 2: Knowledge Impacts Network \(KIN\) Launch - 11 March 2021](#)
- [NCACE Launch Event: Knowledge Conversations: The Power of Collaborative Action - 4 February 2021](#)

BLOGS

- [Better capturing the value of university knowledge exchange: insights from the arts, humanities and cultural sector.](#)
- [Generating societal impact from collaborations between universities and arts and culture organisations \(ACOs\): evidence from NCACE's survey with arts and culture professionals in the UK](#)
- [Joining the knowledge exchange conversation](#)

- [B The start of a step change in Arts and Cultural Knowledge Exchange](#)
- [B NCACE supports four Micro-Commissions to co-create a new and different future for Arts/Culture and Higher Education collaborations](#)
- [B How does academic research generate arts and culture-related impact?](#)
- [B Welcome to the NCACE Evidence Repository: An introduction to our latest resource](#)
- [B Making it Count: How could we be measuring the real value of our Cultural Knowledge Exchange work?](#)
- [B The KEF 2021 narratives and what they tell us about HEIs' engagement with the arts and cultural sector](#)
- [B Cultural Compacts, collaboration, knowledge exchange: the role of Higher Education in fostering place-based cultural and artistic ecologies](#)
- [B Compassionate Interviewing Techniques for Creative Knowledge Exchange: In Discussion with True Crime Practitioners](#)
- [B The keyword is collaboration: dwelling among pathways through NCACE's evidence garden](#)
- [B The challenges of research collaboration](#)
- [B Articulating 'enough': Reflections on non-financial impact in cultural partnership work](#)
- [B Knowledge and research based in practice: ways of knowing and articulation](#)
- [B NCACE Annual Report 2020/21: Activities, collaborations and lessons learnt](#)
- [B Evaluation as a valuable catalyst for the effectiveness and efficacy of NCACE](#)
- [B Reflections on our NCACE evaluation journey: from a composite baseline position to the midpoint evaluation](#)

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- [C NCACE: Growing the Garden of Cultural Knowledge Exchange](#)
- [C Narrating Cultural Knowledge Exchange: Stories and perspectives from Knowledge Exchange professionals working in Higher Education in the UK](#)
- [C The Power of Partnership: Northumbria University x New Writing North](#)

- [C Collaborating with Higher Education Institutions: Findings from NCACE Survey with Arts Professional](#)
- [C The Role of 'Place' in Collaborations Between HEIs and the Arts and Cultural Sector](#)
- [C HEIs' Engagement with the Arts and Cultural Sector: Evidence from the Knowledge Exchange Framework 2021 Narratives](#)
- [C Leadership in Cultural Knowledge Exchange](#)
- [C Knowledge Exchange, HEIs and the Arts and Culture Sector: A systematic review of literature in the field](#)
- [C The keyword is collaboration: dwelling among pathways through NCACE's evidence garden](#)



REF

A key part of our work at NCACE is better understanding how universities and the arts and culture sectors work together and the impacts of such collaborations, partnerships and cultural knowledge exchange. The Research Excellence Framework (REF) is a vital mechanism for enabling this work to happen, feeding into key research reports as well as creating opportunities for information-sharing and discussion and the publication of associated materials on REF.

SOUNDCLOUD

-  [NCACE Evidence Café 12: REF 2021 Impact Case Studies - 23 November 2023](#)
-  [NCACE Evidence Café 8: Reflections on REF 2021 - 23 February 2023](#)

BLOGS

-  [REF 2021 and research relations with Arts Council England's National Portfolio Organisations](#)
-  [Cultural Impact and Knowledge Exchange and Small Specialist Institutions in REF2021](#)
-  [REF 2021: Addressing societal Grand Challenges through arts and culture research](#)
-  [How does academic research generate impact through, or on, artistic and cultural activities? An analysis of the 2021 REF impact case studies](#)
-  [Meaningful impact in Arts and Humanities research: Who decides?](#)

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-  [Universities, Local Authorities and Culture-based Partnerships: Case studies, reflections and evidence from REF impact case studies](#)
-  [REF 2021: Research Impact and the Arts and Culture Sectors](#)
-  [How does academic research generate arts and culture related impact? A thematic analysis of Research Excellence Framework \(REF\) 2014 impact case studies](#)



CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Researchers, artists and arts and cultural organisations have rich histories in working collaboratively on projects that are concerned with environmental issues including the climate emergency. Our work at NCACE focuses on: showcasing some of the key ways in which such work occurs and providing spaces to discuss the importance of knowledge and cultural networks and ecologies in relationship to environment and climate emergency.

SOUNDCLOUD

-  [Culture and Collaborations on Climate Emergency \(Part 1\) - 23 June 2022](#)
-  [Culture and Collaborations on Climate Emergency \(Part 2\) - 23 June 2022](#)
-  [Evidence Café 5: Cultural Knowledge Exchange and the Climate Emergency - 20 January 2022](#)

BLOGS

-  [Cultural Knowledge Exchange and the Climate Emergency](#)
-  [The Power of Common Life: Action: People, Place, Planet](#)
-  [The Climate Crisis as an opportunity for hope, connection and creativity.](#)

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-  [Writing the Climate](#)

-  [Rewilding Islington](#)
-  [Connecting the Climate Challenge](#)
-  [Climate Change Catastrophe!](#)
-  [CreaTures: Creative Practices for Transformational Futures](#)



ARTS ORGANISATIONS AND CREATIVES WORKING WITH UNIVERSITIES

Partnerships between the arts and universities are by no means a new phenomenon and our work indicates that there is intense and growing interest in collaboration coming from both sectors, particularly as the values of working are being both more widely narrated and indeed encouraged and expected at a point where resources are limited and desires for knowledge creation, wider public engagements and new and innovative solutions to a raft of challenges, across many areas, are being sought.

SOUNDCLOUD

- [From Practice to PhD Workshop: Embedding Research Collaborations in Arts & Culture \(Part 2\) - 22 October 2025](#)
- [From Practice to PhD Workshop: Embedding Research Collaborations in Arts & Culture \(Part 1\) - 22 October 2025](#)
- [NCACE Evidence Café 14: Artists and Universities – 22 January 2025](#)
- [NCACE Evidence Café 11: University & Local Authority Cultural Partnerships - 12 October 2023](#)
- [Artists In The Academy - 10 October 2022](#)
- [Exploring The Value Of Collaborating With Theatres - 10 October 2022](#)
- [NCACE Ideas Pool 1 - Ideas Lab: Co-Creating a New and Different Future for Arts / Higher Education Collaboration - 13 October 2021](#)

BLOGS

- [Collaborations between universities and cultural institutions: achieving transformative research impact 1](#)
- [Reflections on Collaborative Research Between Universities and Cultural Institutions: Achieving Transformative Impact.](#)
- [Come Research with Us: Conceptual Collaboration in the Contemporary Art Museum](#)
- [Artists working with Universities](#)
- [Artists and Academics – The Perfect Marriage.](#)
- [SAIL: Bridging the gap between Knowledge Development and the Creative and Cultural sector of West Yorkshire](#)
- [‘What do Universities actually do?’: Some thoughts on Interdisciplinary Knowledge Exchange and Creative Arts Collaborations.](#)
- [Sharing Forgotten Stories](#)
- [Artists in the Academy](#)
- [Poem: Easy Bake Collaboration Equity Pie](#)
- [‘Mary/Marianne’: An installation in development at Birkbeck Centre for Contemporary Theatre](#)

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- [Knowledge Exchange, HEIs and the Arts and Culture Sector: A systematic review of literature in the field](#)
- [Exploring value in KE collaborations between higher education and theatres](#)
- [HEIs’ Engagement with the Arts and Cultural Sector: Evidence from the Knowledge Exchange Framework 2021 Narratives](#)
- [NCACE Micro Commission - Birmingham City University and Shakespeare Birthplace Trust](#)
- [Research and Curation across Art, Technology, and Eco-Social Change](#)
- [Higher Education and arts and culture sector collaborations with reference to the work of the Crafts Council](#)

- ▲ [The Power of Partnership: Northumbria University x New Writing North](#)
- ▲ [Different Stories, Difficult Stories: Why Cultural and Higher Education partnerships are essential to Decolonial Work](#)
- ▲ [Examples of Collaborations between Universities and the Arts](#)
- ▲ [The Spectral Artist in the Academy](#)
- ▲ [The Codex of Basquiat Equals Pi](#)

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Diversity and inclusion are essential to cultural knowledge exchange. Having these principles in place fosters nuanced and rich forms of collaboration and creativity that benefit not just the sector, but also the wider world. As such, NCACE platforms and engages as many voices and perspectives as possible, working to ensure that cultural knowledge exchange is available to all, irrespective of race, class, (dis)ability and sexuality.

SOUNDCLOUD

 [Knowledge Sharing through Documentary Co-Creation - 12 October 2022](#)

BLOGS

 [BEYOND WORDS: Practising Allyship Within Knowledge Exchange](#)

 [From Research into Creative Action: How Collaboration Between HE and The Arts Is Challenging Narratives Around Migration](#)

 [Diversity in the arts and media](#)

 [Widening access to ancient cultures in museums and schools through partnership working](#)

 [How can we better understand 'Everyday Creativity' and can it play a role in reducing inequalities in local communities?](#)

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 [Different Stories, Difficult Stories: why Cultural and HE partnerships are essential to decolonial work](#)

 [Examples of Collaborations between Universities and the Arts](#)

 [The Codex of Basquiat Equals Pi](#)



TECHNOLOGY FOR SOCIAL GOOD

Researchers, artists and arts and cultural organisations have rich histories in working collaboratively on projects that are concerned with the social and cultural impacts and potential of technologies. Our work at NCACE focuses on: showcasing some of the key ways in which such work occurs and providing spaces to discuss the importance of knowledge and cultural networks and ecologies in relationship to technology for social good.

SOUNDCLOUD

-  [Culture, Collaboration and Knowledge Exchange: Technology for Social Good](#)
- 20 June 2024

BLOGS

-  [NCACE Micro-commission: MembGame UX Design Workshop](#)
-  [Stretching embodiment: Excursions in multi-modal extended realities](#)
-  [Exploring the Impact of Our Digital Footprint: How Dance, Technology, and Social Media Can Make Us Question Our Online Presence](#)
-  [Exploring innovative uses of immersive media technologies to enhance the teaching of arts and heritage in Rugby Art Gallery and Museum: A Collaborative research project with Birmingham City University and STEAMhouse.](#)
-  [STEAMy Principles](#)
-  [STEAMhouse's state-of-the-art centre ready to launch](#)
-  [Culture, Collaboration and Knowledge Exchange: Technology for Social Good](#)

-  [A new form of Collaboration: Immersive Experiences Redefined](#)
-  [Guildhall Production Studio: ARay - Turning up the volume in the costume department](#)
-  [The Curious Case of Grieving MC Ty on Social Media](#)
-  [New money for old rope; repurposing open knowledge from Wikidata](#)
-  [Incorporating digital commons into government policies: An introduction to the Digital Commons Policy Council's Best Practice Guide](#)

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-  [Research and Curation across Art, Technology, and Eco-Social Change](#)
-  [Watershed's Pervasive Media Studio: Collaborative Creative Practice](#)
-  [The Sound Voice Project - Art, Voice Loss, and Bio-technology](#)
-  [Granny Jackson's Dead - Grief Tech, Theatre and Research](#)
-  [FabLab Coventry - Technology, Community, and Collaboration with Coventry City Council](#)
-  [Electronic Life: the interaction of AI and Art](#)

DECOLONISATION

Decolonisation is a theme that draws together many of the projects and initiatives that NCACE supports. Accordingly, in conjunction with its wider network, NCACE is committed to challenging the colonial structures that have harmed and continue to harm countless global communities. This includes but is not limited to wealth inequality, racism and the link between colonialism and climate change.

SOUNDCLOUD

-  [Decolonising Shakespeare - 14 October 2022](#)
-  [Knowledge Sharing through Documentary Co-Creation - 12 October 2022](#)

BLOGS

-  [Decolonising the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust's Collections as an Inside-Outsider: A Perspective on Collaborative Research - 5 December 2022](#)

NCACE COLLECTION

-  [Different Stories, Difficult Stories: why Cultural and HE partnerships are essential to decolonial work](#)
-  [Disembodied Territories](#)



COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST AND PRACTICE

Another lens into our work and networks at NCACE may see it as the evolution of various communities of interest and practice. These communities often align around particular themes or concerns, and are often cross-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary in nature as well as being concerned with knowledge and value co-creation and sharing in equitable, meaningful and often innovative ways.

SOUNDCLOUD

- [NCACE Independent Researcher Network Launch - 29 October 2025](#)
- [NCACE Independent Researcher Network Roundtable Consultation - 19 June 2025](#)
- [Culture, Collaboration and Knowledge Exchange: Technology for Social Good - 20 June 2024](#)
- [Knowledge Impacts Network: Supporting the future of Citizen Research - 13 June 2024](#)
- [The Power of Collaborative Action IV: Pioneers, Change-makers and Liminal Spaces - 23 May 2024](#)
- [Collaborations in Creative Health - 22 June 2023](#)
- [NCACE Evidence Café 10: Creative Communities - 18 May 2023](#)
- [NCACE Evidence Café 9: NCACE Collection Launch - 30 March 2023](#)
- [Changing Culture: Knowledge Exchange, Policy and Practice - 13 October 2022](#)

- [Nurturing Collaborations: Understanding a City's Creative & Culture Ecology - 12 October 2022](#)
- [What Is Civic Impact Anyway? - 12 October 2022](#)
- [Tools For Leading Cross Sector Collaborations - 10 October 2022](#)
- [Culture and Collaborations on Climate Emergency \(Part 1\) - 23 June 2022](#)
- [Culture and Collaborations on Climate Emergency \(Part 2\) - 23 June 2022](#)
- [Collaborations in Place-making - 17 June 2021](#)
- [NCACE Launch Event: Knowledge Conversations: The Power of Collaborative Action - 4 February 2021](#)

BLOGS

- [Finding YorVoice: breaking down disciplinary silos at the University of York](#)
- [Building Connections, Creating Opportunities: The Potential of the NCACE Independent Researchers Network](#)
- [Community Innovation Practitioners: Fostering a Community of Practice](#)
- [Highlights from The Power of Collaborative Action IV: Pioneers, Change-makers, and Liminal Spaces](#)
- [20 years of rich and reflective practice-based research: The Clore Leadership/AHRC Online Research Library](#)
- [Sharing Forgotten Stories](#)
- [Creative Change: Interaction and Impact on Wellbeing in Incarceration](#)
- [Planting & Playmaking](#)
- [Poem: Easy Bake Collaboration Equity Pie](#)
- [The Art of Engagement: creating foundations for an international learning community in social practice](#)
- [Dynamic evaluation in community engagement](#)
- [Changing Culture: Knowledge Exchange, Policy and Practice](#)
- [Nurturing Collaborations: Understanding a City's Creative & Culture Ecology](#)

-  [The Climate Crisis as an opportunity for hope, connection and creativity](#)
-  [The Power of Movement in Co-Creation](#)
-  [Transformations: The Significance of Community Spaces](#)
-  [Practice as Research and Knowledge Exchange Cafés \(PARKE\): Methodologies to connect beyond academia](#)
-  [A new model for citizen led research?](#)
-  [The Power of Common Life: Action: People, Place, Planet](#)
-  [Healthy Networks: personal and professional development through cross-sector collaboration](#)
-  [Around the Kitchen Table](#)
-  [Harnessing the Power of Student Knowledge Exchange](#)
-  [Part One: Are Citizens the True Innovators of Knowledge?](#)

NCACE COLLECTION

-  [A Community of Practice for Independent Researchers: Scoping NCACE's Independent Researchers Network \(IRN\)](#)
-  [Universities, Local Authorities and Culture-based Partnerships: Case studies, reflections and evidence from REF impact case studies](#)
-  [The Role of 'Place' in Collaborations Between HEIs and the Arts and Cultural Sector](#)
-  [Research and Curation across Art, Technology, and Eco-Social Change](#)
-  [Changing Culture: Knowledge Exchange, Policy and Practice](#)
-  [Rewilding the Stems](#)



NCACE PROGRAMME CONTRIBUTORS

Between 2020 and 2025, we collaborated with a diverse range of individuals who contributed in various ways to our events and activities programme:

- 70 events featuring around 250 contributors and attended by 3550 participants.
- We published over 100 publications with contributions from 150 writers and researchers. These include: over 80 blogs, 11 research reports, 10 essays, 4 toolkits, 20 case studies and 4 other articles.
- Individuals from 180 Higher Education Institutions and 140 Arts and Cultural Organisations contributed to our events and publications programme.
- Other contributors included independent practitioners as well as those from funding organisations, including UKRI and Arts Council England as well as various local authorities.



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Aisha Richards (Shades of Noir)
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Dr Alex Laffer (Kingston University)
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Caroline Anstey (The Studio at Bath Spa University)
Caroline Sipsos (City University London)
Cat Rogers (Leicestershire County Council)
Prof. Catherine Clarke (School of Advanced Study, University of London)
Catherine Gilmore (AHRC)
Catherine Sandland (Ruby Star Associates)
Charley Utton (Aesop Arts & Society)

Charlotte Carey (Birmingham City University)
Charlotte Jones (Independent Theatre Council)
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