

# Future Arts Centres

**Future Arts Centres (FAC) is a  
UK network of 160+ members.  
It exists to champion the unique  
importance of arts centres at a  
local, regional & national level.**

We believe that by offering  
outstanding artistic experiences for  
all in our communities & operating as  
robust social enterprises, arts centres  
present a fantastic model for the  
cultural venues of tomorrow.

## Objectives

- create a **unifying leadership voice** for arts centres & their unique contribution to cultural & civic life
- **advocate** for investment
- ensure arts centres are recognised in artform development and **funding policies**
- develop new, artistically driven collaborative **partnership models**
- explore **business collaborations** which innovate & support sustainability.
- co-create a **member-led** approach.

## Activity

- members meetings - shared learning & **peer support** for arts centres leaders
- action research groups - **testing new models** for best practice, on topics including inclusive recruitment & collaborative commissioning
- **consultancy** - offering services including place-based strategies
- advocacy - representing and **promoting arts centres nationally**.
- create **relevant resources** for arts centres, such as annual salary benchmarking.

FAC started as an informal network in 2013. In 2023, it became a not-for-profit company & Arts Council England 'IPSO' to provide sector support for arts centres and their leaders.

FAC has also successfully delivered national co-created artistic programmes (like Here and Now and People's Plan for Nature) & international collaborations (like Global-Vision).

# Join Future Arts Centres

Membership is free for any UK arts centre which is a venue that is accessible to the general public, collaborating with their local communities and working across art-forms. Our strength is in our diversity, and our members vary enormously in scale, geography and context.

Members receive invitations to all our meetings, opportunities and resources.

- Find out more and check your details in our [Members' Directory](#) on our [Website](#)
- Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter/X](#)
- Sign up to become a [Member](#) on our Website

# Working with Future Arts Centres

If you would like to find out more about how you can connect with the work of Future Arts Centres, please get in touch with: [christine@futureartscentres.org.uk](mailto:christine@futureartscentres.org.uk)



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