



Shifting Cultures: Reframing the future with the North East's independent creative workforce

North East Culture Partnership Annual Forum | Friday 29th January 2021 | 10:30am – 4:30pm

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SESSION 1	Welcome 10.30am - 10.45am	Join NECP co-chair Jane Robinson and Board Member Hannabiell Sanders for a warm welcome to Shifting Cultures, which will include important information about how you can participate throughout the day.
	Keynote Conversation 10:45am – 11:30am	Join Vici Wreford Sinnott (Artistic Director, Little Cog) & actor Melissa Johns (LIFE & Coronation Street) for a conversation exploring questions including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have you adapted and responded, and what now feels possible that didn't feel within reach a year ago? • What does this mean for the future? Chaired by Rowan Brown (Chief Executive, Museums Northumberland, and NECP Board Member).
BREAK	11:30am – 12pm	During the break, you are invited to explore the work of the many artists and speakers who are involved throughout the day. Links to artist content online will be shared with you ahead of the event to view in your own time. You will also be encouraged to use this break to add your own ideas and thoughts about the shifting cultures you want to make in your own practice to a collective document that will grow throughout the day.
SESSION 2	Artist Panel 12pm – 12:45pm	Conditions for Sustaining a Creative Practice (during and post-pandemic) <p>Chaired by Mariam Rezai, this artist panel will bring together 4 North East artists working across different disciplines for a panel discussion. Confirmed panelists are Patrick Ziza, Nadia Iftkhar, Jayne Dent/Me Lost Me and Lisette Auton.</p> <p>The panel will be discussing how their practice has adapted in light of the events of 2020, exploring:</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the best conditions for sustaining a creative practice during and post-pandemic? • What has changed in your artistic practice, and how can organisations create the best conditions to continue to support your evolving practice?
BREAK	12:45pm – 1pm	
SESSION 3	Long Table Lunch 1pm – 2pm	<p>What have we learnt from 2020, and what are we taking forward? Small Group conversations.</p> <p>Join a group discussion while enjoying your lunch with a small group of other attendees. Each group will be considering “what have we learnt from 2020, and what are we taking forward?” from a range of different perspectives.</p> <p>Each discussion group has at least one host who will ensure the conversations get going!</p> <p>The topics and hosts are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment, opportunity, fair pay: Hosted by Rebecca Ball, Sunderland Culture • Community building: Hosted by Phil Douglas, Curious Arts and WTF Network • Stabilisation, Survival and Growth: Hosted by Hannah Matterson, Generator • Reports and the role of the Freelancers Task Force: Karen Traynor, Freelance Task Force North East Representative • Culture of Workforce: Hosted by Leila d’Aronville, Tyne and Wear Cultural Freelancers • Governance Structures: Hosted by Mark Robinson Thinking Practice, and Jo Cundall, Community Foundation • Anti-Racism: Host TBC • Climate Emergency: Hosted by Stella Hall, Festival of Thrift • Higher Education and Independent Creatives: Hosted by Julie Crawshaw and Steve Gilroy, Northumbria University Department of Arts <p>Please note, when you register for the day, you will have the option to select one of these conversations in addition to your full day registration. Spaces in each group are limited to 10.</p>
Break	2pm – 2:30pm	
SESSION 4	Panel discussion 2:30pm – 3:30pm	Leadership in the Independent Sector



		<p>Speakers from across the North East independent sector will come together for a panel discussion exploring what leadership in the sector can look like. Chaired by Jill Cole (Director Northern Heartlands and NECP Board Member) we'll look at how we can work together to create the conditions where independent leadership can develop and thrive.</p> <p>Confirmed panellists include: Leila D'Aronville (Tyne and Wear Cultural Freelancers), Martin Hylton (Gateway Studio Project), Nick Malyan (Empty Shop), Andrea Carter (D6: Culture in Transit) and Stella Hall (Festival of Thrift).</p>
	<p>Responses and Reflections 3:30pm – 3:45pm</p>	<p>NECP co-chair Jane Robinson and Board Member Hannabiell Sanders will close the forum with reflections from the day, focusing on NECP's role in taking ideas and actions forward. Participants will also be invited to share their responses and comments from the forum.</p>
	<p>Shifting Cultures Social 3:45pm – 4:30pm</p>	<p>From 3.45pm, join us in the virtual bar for an end of day informal social. Continue your conversations, and meet fellow forum participants, in our open Zoom room. This is a relaxed space to unwind and chat following the day's active programme.</p>