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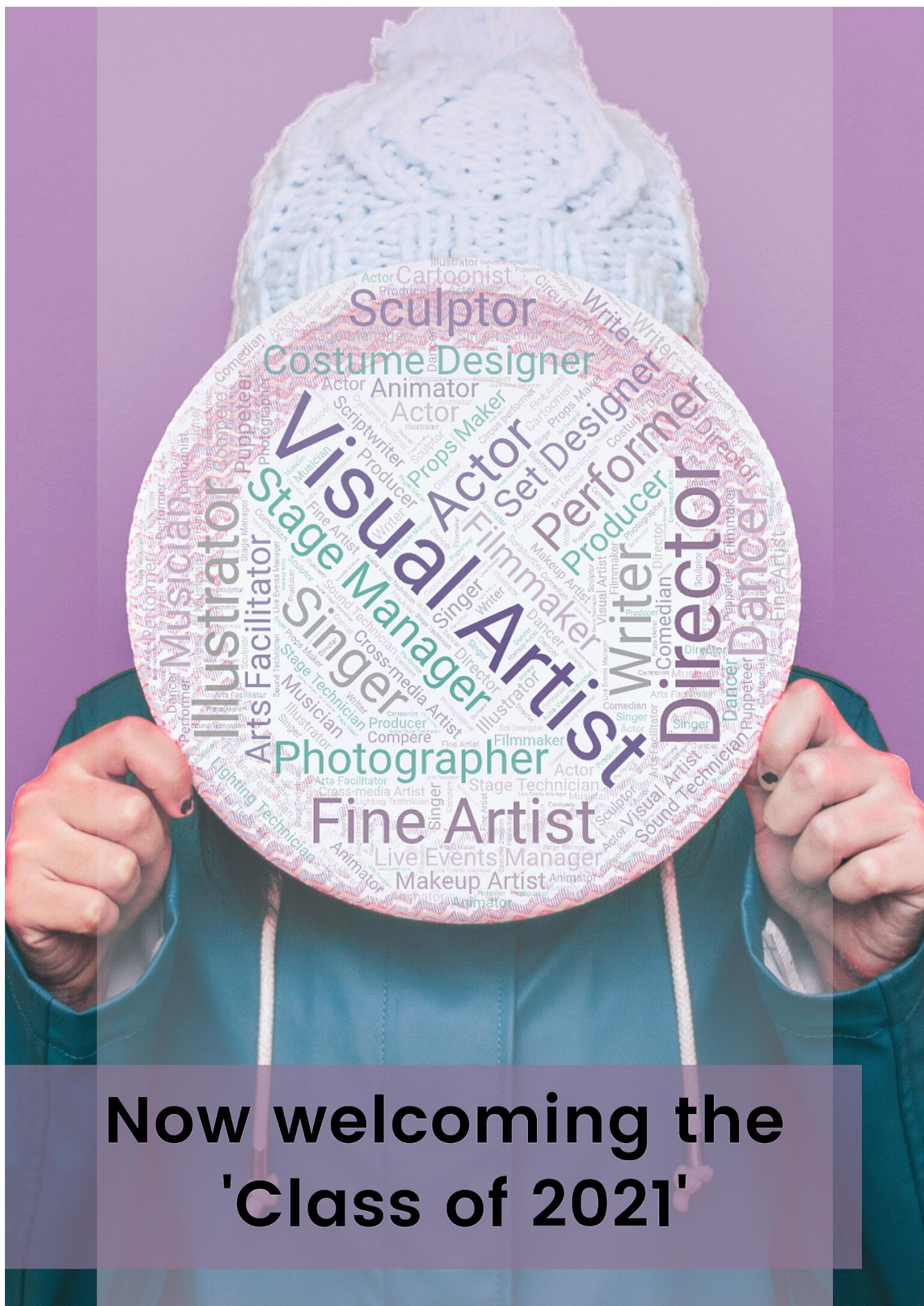
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**Want a career in the
cultural industries?**

**Need to get your
foot in the door?**



**Now welcoming the
'Class of 2021'**

Tees Valley Young Creatives

Are you...

- A trained cultural industries creative from the **Class of 2020** or **2021**, ready to get your work and skills out there professionally?
- In need of free expert support and insights from experienced industry professionals to help you succeed in your chosen career?
- Keen to be part of a skilled cultural community, discover employment opportunities, network with other creatives, and meet new collaborators?

Tees Valley Young Creatives is a groundbreaking, exciting, and career launching programme of **free support** to help talented professionals fresh out of training to secure employment, and unlock new opportunities in their field.

As a network member you'll have access to exclusive social media platforms, regular online masterclasses, talks, and workshops from leading professionals and some of the most exciting voices in the sector, plus in-person (where guidance allows) social events featuring guest creatives.

You'll be able to gain valuable step by step insights covering everything you might need to build a successful freelance career, to wellbeing strategies. Plus, you'll have the chance to inform the content to tailor it to your needs.

If you...

- Completed training in **ANY creative specialism**, as part of the **Class of 2020** or **Class of 2021**
- **Trained**, or **live** in the Tees Valley
- **Are not** in full-time education (BTEC, UAL, A Levels, FdA, Degree, etc)
- Are **any age over 18** (but consider your creative career to be in its youth)
- Are **ready to work in the cultural industries**

Sign up to join Tees Valley Young Creatives at www.arconline.co.uk/tvyc

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Tell me more...

Tees Valley Young Creatives supports all kinds of creatives, from visual artists, production designers, writers, directors, performers, and filmmakers, to theatre and events technicians, stage managers, producers, and arts administrators.

If your creative specialism and skills can be applied to projects, events, work, or employment in the cultural sector, we're here for you!

After you've applied to become a member you'll be able to book to attend TVYC Networking Evenings on Zoom, featuring a choice of workshops, talks, or masterclasses delivered by professionals from the industry. These are held fortnightly on Thursday evenings, from 7pm – 8.30pm.

You'll also be able to join our exclusive social media platforms, where you can network with other creatives, find out about what's going on in the industry, and access employment and training opportunities.

From July 2021, we'll be holding monthly social events featuring workshops, talks, one-to-one support, and networking opportunities with artists and industry professionals – plus the chance to hang out with other members as part of a vibrant creative community.

Our Network Builders, Lucy and Jake, are your main contacts as network members. They can support you to get to know others, and they're always keen to know what you need and want the network to offer more of.

On top of this, you'll have access to exclusive paid employment opportunities and funding commissions, plus practical resources and signposting for individual support that could kick start your career.

How do I sign up?

Visit www.arconline.co.uk/tvyc and fill out the online application.

You'll also be able to see details about fortnightly Networking Evenings and book your place via this page once you're a member.

"I have come away from this feeling a lot more confident to begin a career in the creative industry."

'I feel excited and positive about what I want to do for the first time in ages. It's made me think I'll get to where I want to be again.'

'We wouldn't know where to start if things like this didn't exist'

TEES VALLEY YOUNG CREATIVE NETWORK MEMBERS

Frequently Asked Questions

I don't leave education for a few months. Can I still join?

Tees Valley Young Creatives is only open to people who aren't in full-time education, but you can sign up at any point during the year. We would love you to join us as soon as you've finished your training and are ready to start your career.

I've finished training for this year, but I'll be carrying on with full-time education in September. Can I still join?

Unfortunately, Tees Valley Young Creatives is only open to people who aren't in full-time education, have completed their training, and are in a position to begin an ongoing career in the cultural industries. Please do get in touch in the future though, as we'd love to get to know you and find out how we could support you.

Can I join if I'm doing a part-time post graduate course?

Yes! So long as you completed your degree in a creative subject as part of the Class of 2020 or 2021, and you're in a position where you could work in the cultural industries whilst undertaking your part-time post-graduate course.

Is there an upper age limit?

No – you can be any age over 18 so long as you consider your creative career to be in its youth.

My commitments change a lot. Do I need to get involved in everything?

We know that professionals working in the cultural industries often have a lot to juggle – from family commitments to freelance work, side hustles, other employment and updating their training. There's no expectation to attend every Zoom networking evening, or join every social media platform. You can get involved with everything on offer whenever, and as much as you feel able to.

How do I join the Facebook or Instagram platforms?

Once you've completed the membership application form at www.arconline.co.uk/tvyc, we'll send you links so you can request to join our social media platforms. These are exclusive to members, so we can only add people who have signed up to be part of Tees Valley Young Creatives.

I have access requirements. How can you support me?

We aim to keep things as accessible, pressure-free, and welcoming as possible. Please let us know if you have any access requirements via the application form, or by emailing sonya.curle@arconline.co.uk at any time.

I am anxious about new situations, meeting new people, or being 'singled out' to speak during TVYC events. Can you put my mind at ease?

Whether you're introverted and prefer to listen, or extroverted and get more from asking questions – you can be yourself here. Your guest creatives understand that some people are still developing trust and confidence. They'll aim to ask the whole room for responses instead of individuals.

Reaction buttons and the chat facility can support you to interact non-verbally at Zoom Networking Evenings. Some members join without video for access reasons, and this is absolutely ok.

What kind of workshops are offered at Networking Evenings?

Past choices have included:

- Working Freelance in the Cultural Industries – What First?
- Ignite: Ideas Generator (navigating legalities, how to register as a business and for tax, bank accounts, contracts, and approaching pitching ideas)
- A New Freelancers Guide to Applying for Arts Council Funding
- Spanners, Steelies, and Surviving Simba – Working in London's West End
- Creative Wellbeing for Freelancers: Hands-on Reportage Illustration
- Freelancing Outside of the Box: Producing Cross-media Work
- Self-marketing: Developing Your Brand and Reach

What other opportunities does the network share with members?

We share information about paid employment opportunities across diverse creative fields, commissions, castings, creative call-outs, and funding, including opportunities that are exclusive and only open to members.

We also offer members introductions to industry professionals relevant to their needs and specialisms, career advice, sector news, peer support, resources, templates, and space to chat with likeminded creatives.