

# TEES VALLEY

# NEW CREATIVES



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# CAREER



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# **STAGE DOOR**

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

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



# Tees Valley New Creatives

## Are you...

- A trained creative from the **Class of 2020, 2021 or 2022** - and 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 New 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.

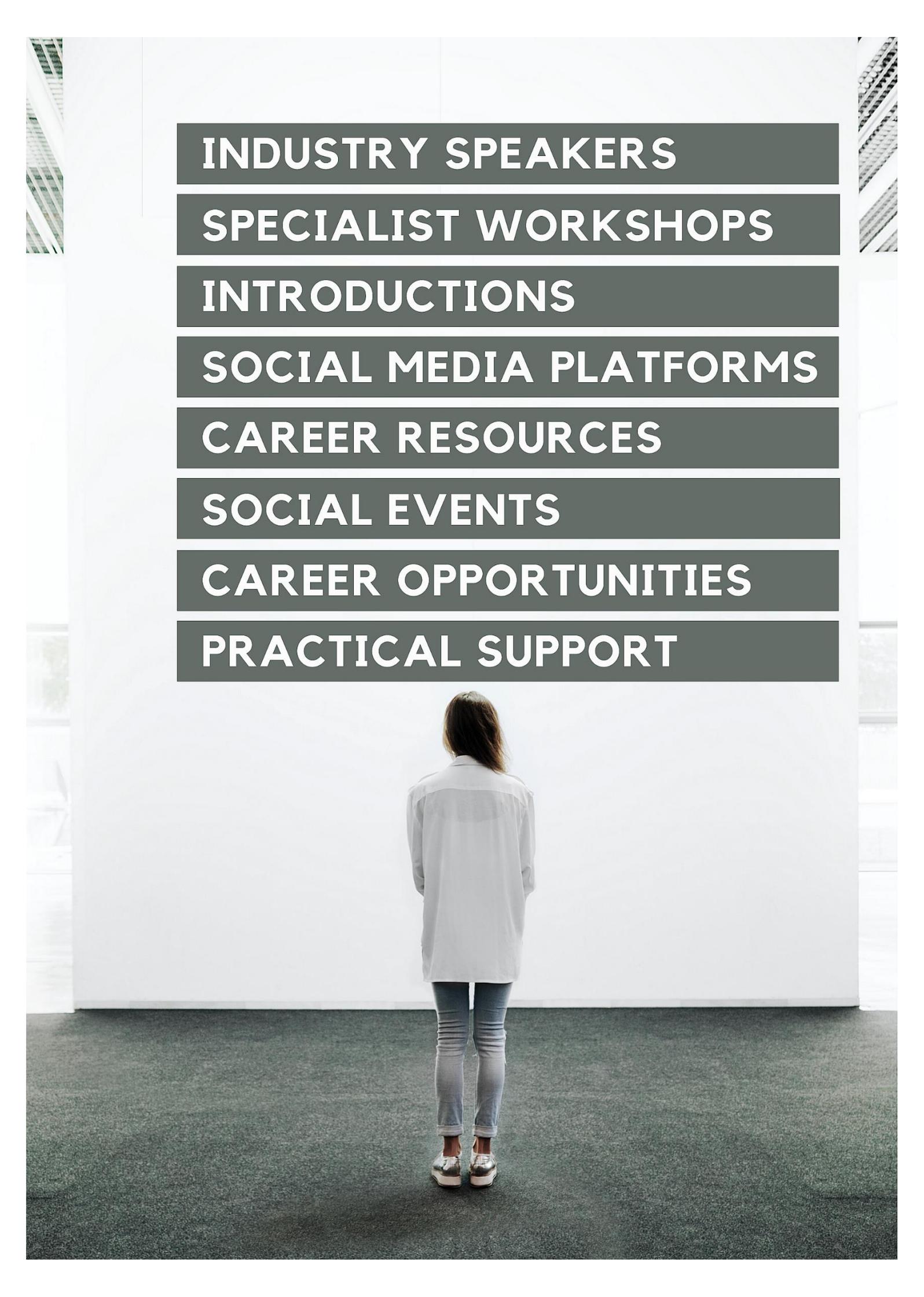
As a network member you'll have access to exclusive social media platforms featuring employment opportunities and networking support, regular online talks and masterclasses with some of the most exciting voices in the sector, plus in-person social events featuring introductions to leading professionals.

You'll be able to gain valuable step by step insights and strategies that you might need to build a successful freelance career. Plus, you'll have the chance to inform what's on offer and access everything based on your personal needs.

## If you...

- Completed training in **ANY creative specialism**, as part of the **Class of 2020, 2021 or 2022**
- **Trained**, or **live** in the Tees Valley
- **Are not** in full-time education (BTEC, UAL, A Levels, FdA, BA Hons, etc)
- Are **any age over 18** (but consider your creative career to be in its youth)
- Are **ready to work in the creative and cultural industries**

Sign up to join Tees Valley New Creatives at [www.arconline.co.uk/tvnc](http://www.arconline.co.uk/tvnc)



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**SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS**

**CAREER RESOURCES**

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

**PRACTICAL SUPPORT**

# Tell me more...

**Tees Valley New Creatives supports all kinds of creatives**, from visual artists, designers, writers, directors, performers, and filmmakers, to animators, 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 creative and cultural sector, we're here for you!

**After you've applied to become a member** you'll be able to book to attend TVNC Networking Evenings on Zoom, featuring workshops, talks and masterclasses delivered by professionals across 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.

Every other month, we hold exclusive social events featuring networking opportunities – plus the chance to hang out with other members as part of a vibrant creative community. We even throw in free drinks and pizza!

Our Network Builders are your main contacts as TVNC members. They're always keen to know what you'd like us to offer more of. They can also support you to get to know others through online activities and extra member-led events.

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/tvnc](http://www.arconline.co.uk/tvnc) 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 NEW CREATIVES NETWORK MEMBERS**

# Frequently Asked Questions

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

Tees Valley New 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 New 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, 2021 or 2022, 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 yourself to be starting your professional creative career.

## **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 form at [www.arconline.co.uk/tvnc](http://www.arconline.co.uk/tvnc), you can request to join our social media platforms using the handles on the front page of this pack. These are exclusive to members, so we can only add people who have signed up to be part of Tees Valley New 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](mailto:sonya.curle@arconline.co.uk) at any time.

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

Whether you're introverted and prefer to listen, or extroverted and like asking questions – you can be yourself here. Our guest professionals also understand that some people are still developing confidence or have access requirements. They'll aim to ask the whole room for responses instead of individuals.

Some members prefer to use the chat facility to interact at Zoom Networking Evenings. Others join without video for access reasons, and this is absolutely ok.

## **What kind of workshops are offered at Networking Evenings?**

Workshops are delivered by working professionals from across the creative industries. Over the past year, some of these specialist sessions have covered:

- Working Freelance in the Cultural Industries – What First?
- Becoming Self-employed: The First Steps When You're Starting Out
- Ignite: Ideas Generator (navigating legalities, how to register as a business and for tax, bank accounts, contracts, and approaching pitching ideas)
- Pricing Your Work and Worth
- Self-marketing: Developing Your Brand and Reach
- A New Freelancers Guide to Applying for Arts Council Funding
- Producing and Programming Work at ARC
- Developing a Non-stop Successful Career as Visual Artists in the Tees Valley
- An Actor's Guide to Getting Work
- A Career in Film - From Teesside... to International Film Festivals... to the BFI
- The Auxiliary & Middlesbrough Art Weekender: How getting a foot in the door works
- A Facilitators Guide to Designing and Developing Workshops
- A Creative Freelancer's Guide to Getting into SIRF
- Creative Wellbeing for Freelancers

## **What other opportunities does the network share with members?**

Successful creative careers are very rarely launched or sustained by waiting for work opportunities to be advertised by others.

Most professional creatives actively network to get on the radar for 'insider opportunities', and apply for funding / offer commissions to create their own paying work.

We share information about sources of funding (and how to apply), creative call-outs, commissions and castings, plus advertised employment opportunities. Some of the opportunities we share for a wide range of organisations, venues and projects are exclusive and only open to members.

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

Between April 2021 and April 2022, TVNC supported members to secure 97 professional paid opportunities related to their creative fields.

These included exclusive opportunities to have work commissioned as part of Stockton International Riverside Festival (totalling £20,000+), contracts to design / illustrate professional publications, and workshop facilitation roles involving a diverse range of creative specialisms, alongside paid design, performance, exhibition, production and creative media work – plus more...

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

**ARE NEVER**

**PUBLISHED**

**PUBLICLY**

[npr.org](http://npr.org)

70%+



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# TEES VALLEY NEW CREATIVES



TEES VALLEY MAYOR



85%

**WORK ROLES ARE**

**FILLED THROUGH**

**NETWORKING**

[LinkedIn](#)

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# TEES VALLEY NEW CREATIVES



TEES VALLEY MAYOR



# 70%



**TAKING ON A**

**WORK ROLE**

**ALREADY HAD A**

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**CREATIVES**

**AGREE THAT**

**NETWORKING**

**IS VITAL**

[creativeaccess.org.uk](http://creativeaccess.org.uk)



# 97%

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