

**Minutes of Creative Network South Meeting Held on Friday 22nd April 2016 at 9.30am
at Hampshire Chamber of Commerce 'Southampton Office' at the Sir James Mathews Building,
Southampton Solent University**

Present

Charles Freeman, Creative Network South
Caroline Sharman, New Theatre Royal
Lucy Merder
Peter O'Sullivan, Trading as Peter O'Sullivan
Jennifer Anyan, Southampton Solent University
Jane Bryant, Artswork
Katie Hardy, Southampton Solent University
James Gough, Culture Southampton
Suzanne Dixon, Southampton Solent University
Gwyneth Campling, Hampshire Cultural Trust
Shena Mitchell, Invest South
Laurie Barriol, Inspire – EU Consultancy
Ria Loveridge, Aspace Arts/SPNS
Alison Hesselberth, Portsmouth City Council
Lisa Hall, Hampshire Chamber of Commerce

Apologies

Stewart Dunn, Chief Executive of Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Peter Hooley, University of Portsmouth
Simon Eden, Winchester City Council
Lorraine Pink, Portsmouth Cultural Trust
Katerina Kremmida, Hampshire Cultural Trust
Chris Cooper, Knownow Information Ltd
Kay May, Winchester School of Art
James Andrews, Solent Growth Hub
Denise Barlow, Solent Growth Hub
Andrew Gatford, IBM

*Welcome to Peter O'Sullivan and Introduction given by all.

1. Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Creative Network South Meeting held on 11th February 2016 were noted.

Creative Network South Website

Charles Freeman to add 'blog' section to the website. This will feature articles posted in Creative Network South Section of Hampshire Chamber of Commerce 'Business News' magazine.

Film Expo

The 2017 Film Expo will run on the 3rd February 2017.

Funding Applications

Aspace are developing an application to the Creative Europe programme to fund an exchange programme for artists resident in creative studios in Hampshire with those in other parts of Europe.

Apprenticeships

The fourth cohort of trainees have been recruited to the Artsworld creative apprenticeship programme. To date 35 students have received training through the initiative.

Artsworld have approached Hampshire Chamber of Commerce to act as the accountable body to lead on a grant for the arts application to fund the continuation of the initiative.

ACTION: It was agreed that Hampshire Chamber of Commerce will co-ordinate a meeting with Further Education Colleges and Training Providers to discuss pathways to creative apprenticeships with a view to mapping the range of opportunities available in Hampshire.

It was noted that Nick Boles, Minister of State for skills had replied to the Chambers letter regarding the apprenticeships levy and its impact on creative industries.

2. Creative Network South Update

Design Network

Charles Freeman reported that Andrew Gatford, Design Manager at IBM had hosted a meeting of designers with a view to establishing a design network developing a programme of design events. The next meeting of this group will take place in May. Proposals for events will be discussed at the next Creative South Meeting.

Creative United Launch

The Launch of the Partnership with Creative United took place on the 7th April 2016 at the University of Portsmouth 'Faculty of Creative and Cultural Industries'.

The event was successful, over 80 people attended, a large number of businesses had initial conversations with Creative United.

CNS is now hoping to plan similar events in Southampton and other parts of Hampshire.

ACTION: Please let Charles Freeman know details of possible events.

3. Investment Summit – Dr Shena Mitchell of Invest South

Shena Mitchell outlined the work of Invest South including promotion of events such as Byte Size Learning and Start-up Heroes.

ACTION: Charles Freeman will post details of these events on the CNS website.

Shena then drew attention to the Investment Summit to be held in Portsmouth Guildhall on the 14th September 2016. CNS and Digital South will work together to co-ordinate a Digital and Creative Room at the summit.

ACTION: Charles Freeman asked for details of businesses that would volunteer to participate in the event and could demonstrate how a personal passion has been turned into a sustainable idea.

4. Presentation on Culture Southampton

James Gough, Director of Culture Southampton gave a presentation on Culture Southampton.

ACTION: A copy of the presentation to be circulated with the Minutes.

The role played by Culture Southampton has been secured from a partnership between the Universities, the City Council and Culture Southampton. Culture Southampton had received 3 year funding through grants for the arts.

It was noted that there is a common interest between CNS and Culture Southampton in researching reasons why the creative sector while growing rapidly in Hampshire has grown at a more subdued rate in Southampton and Portsmouth.

It was noted Brian Hrcacs of University of Southampton has been commissioned to assist Culture Southampton with some of its research activity.

5. Digital Catalyst

Peter Hooley provided by email details of the University of Portsmouth proposals for the development of a digital catalyst facility. The focus of the application is the internet of things.

Action: Peter Hooley's outline has been circulated to CNS Members.

6. Development of the prospectus for the Creative Economy

Charles Freeman attended a meeting held with representatives of the Universities in March.

Following this meeting CNS has written to Vice-Chancellors of the four Universities asking for support for Creative Network South in preparing a new evidence base and a prospectus for the creative economy.

It was agreed that a transparent timetable should be circulated so that partners could contribute to the development of the prospectus.

7. Any Other Business

Nothing to further to report.

8. Date of Next Meeting:-

The Next Creative Network South Meeting will be held on Friday 17th June 2016 at 9.30am until 11.30am at IBM United Kingdom Limited, MP211 Hursley Park, Winchester, SO21 2JN.

Our 'Thanks' to Andrew Gatford of IBM for kindly agreeing to host the meeting.