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Visual Arts Directory East

Welcome to the first Visual Arts Directory for artists and arts professionals, covering the East of England (Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk). Listings include artists' groups and networks, studios, galleries and important regional and national contacts.

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Commissions East

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Artists' groups and networks

49 & RISING

A group of visual artists promoting the fresh and innovative work of the older artist. Holds meetings, offers exhibitions, rental of work, artist's talks and workshops.

Contact: Pam Winbolt

Wall Farm Studios, Skeltons Drove, Kenny Hill, Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 8DX

01353 675391

pamwinbolt@aol.com

www.49andrising.co.uk

ARTISTS NETWORK BEDFORDSHIRE

(Bedfordshire Open Studios)

An artist-run organisation that supports artists in the county, organises mixed exhibitions, has a regular newsletter and organises an annual open studio event, normally in September/October.

Contact: Sue Melville

26 Russell Drive, Ampthill, Beds MK45 2UA

01525 406200

melville26@yahoo.co.uk

ARTWORKS

Group of Fine Art graduates from the University of Hertfordshire, who meet, exhibit and work together and sell or hire work for business spaces and privately.

Contact: Terry Sadler

Shootersway Farmhouse, Shootersway, Berkhamstead, Herts HP4 3TY

01442 864400

terry.sadler@btinternet.com

www.artworks4you.co.uk

BEARING 090*

(European Artists Exchange)

Informal group of artists from Eastern

region, initiated in 1994 to create opportunity for cultural exchange within Europe. Exchanges have taken place with artists in Belgium, Finland and St Petersburg.

Contact: Bridget Heriz

53 Lichfield Road, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR31 0AB

01493 602698

bridgetheriz@suffolkonline.net

BEDFORD MAKERS AND DESIGNERS

A group of artists utilising old farm buildings for workspace and gallery.

Contact: Graham Fielder

Cardington Workshops, Harrowden Lane, Harrowden, Bedford, Beds MK42 0TD

01234 741677

bedfordmakers@aol.org

www.bmad.org

CAMBRIDGE DRAWING SOCIETY

Amateur and professional artists, both painters and sculptors, living within 30 miles of Cambridge. Holds exhibitions and meetings.

Honorary Secretary: Janice Anderson

32 Rustat Road, Cambridge CB1 3QT

01223 248087

jra20@cam.ac.uk

www.geocities.com/CamDrawSoc/

CAMBRIDGE OPEN STUDIOS

300 artists in Cambridgeshire open their doors for 4 weekends in July each year. Gallery at 12A open all year, Fri – Sun (10am – 4pm)

Contact: Jane Gaskell

12A High Street, Fulbourn, Cambridge CB1 5DH

01223 561192

info@camopenstudios.co.uk

www.camopenstudios.co.uk

CAMBRIDGESHIRE GUILD OF WEAVERS, SPINNERS AND DYERS

Holds monthly meetings with speakers, demonstrations and workshops. Beginners welcome.

Honorary Secretary: Chris Tucker

24 School Close, Gamlingay, Sandy, Beds SG19 3JY

01767 650904

chris.tucker@zen.co.uk

COLCHESTER AND TENDRING OPEN STUDIOS

Annual Open Studios event during September and October. Membership and services for visual artists working in and around Colchester.

Contact: Peter Jones

c/o Cuckoo Farm Studios, Boxted Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 5HH

01206 834530

open@cuckoofarmstudios.org.uk

www.colchesteropenstudios.org

COLCHESTER ART SOCIETY

The Society was formed over 50 years ago "for the development of the visual arts". Holds exhibitions, lectures and social events, amateur and professional.

Honorary Secretary: Alan Ellis

7 Newpots Close, Peldon, Colchester, Essex CO5 7PP

01206 735188

www.colchesterartsociety.co.uk

DOT 2 DOT

Group formed out of the Making Art Work scheme in Suffolk. Offers advice sessions, workshops, talks and meetings.

Contact: Pam Winbolt

Wall Farm Studios, Skeltons Drove, Kenny Hill, Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 8DX

01353 675391

pamwinbolt@aol.com

www.pamwinbolt.co.uk

About us

Commissions East is the visual arts development organisation for the East of England – providing an advisory and management service for commissioners, a programme of special projects addressing new areas of visual arts practice and a range of services for artists.

Visit our website for more information
www.commissionseast.org.uk

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FULBOURN ARTS FORUM

A developing forum for the promotion and development of performance and visual arts in Fulbourn.

Contact: Richard Townley

Fulbourn Manor, Manor Walk, Fulbourn
Cambridge CB1 5BN

01223 880284

richard.townley@ntlworld.com

www.arts.fulbourn.org

GROUP B

Artists' collective who meet regularly in Norwich to exchange information and ideas. Each artist works independently, however the group works together to organise exhibitions and events.

Secretary: Frances Berry

2 Bridges Cottages, Darmsden, Ipswich,
Suffolk IP6 8RA

groupbcollective@yahoo.co.uk

HERTFORDSHIRE VISUAL ARTS FORUM

A membership organisation of visual artists providing social and professional networking, specialist groups and organising Hertfordshire Open Studios.

Secretary: June Faulkner

PO Box 169, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 4ZX
hvaf2003@hotmail.com

www.havf.org.uk

LEIGH ART TRAIL

Annual event. 50 artists show painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, textiles, printmaking and jewellery in houses, shops, galleries and studios in Leigh in early June.

Chair: Jane Ward

Old Leigh Studios, 61 High Street,
Leigh-on-Sea, Essex SS9 2EP

01702 472117

leigharttrail04@aol.com

www.leigharttrail.co.uk

MONGREL

A collective of artists and new technology that supports a wide range of initiatives including artist led projects, creation of new software and socially engaged culture.

38 Grainger Road, Industrial Estate,
Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 5DD

01702 460590

kore@mongrelx.org

www.mongrelx.org

NORFOLK CONTEMPORARY CRAFT SOCIETY

Promotes local high quality craft membership including people working in craft disciplines and a growing membership of Friends. Holds meetings, exhibitions and lectures.

Secretary: Jennifer Boland

The White House, Town Street, Hickling,
Norfolk NR12 0AY

01692 598747

www.norfolkcraft.co.uk

NORTH NORFOLK EXHIBITION PROJECT

An artist-led project in partnership with the North Norfolk District Council. Holds an annual exhibition showing a selection of the best Norfolk contemporary art. Also runs visual art workshops and arts events.

Chair: John Millwood

6 Grove Road, Melton Constable,
Norfolk NR24 2DE

NOVA

North Norfolk organisation for visual artists. A subscription-based group which organises exhibitions and events and holds regular meetings for artists and arts supporters.

Contact: Tracy Myers

The Old Post House, The Street, Honing,
Norfolk NR28 9AB

01692 535352

trashymowers@yahoo.co.uk

RISBYGATE ARTS

A non-profit-making community arts association serving Bury St Edmunds. It provides participatory art workshops which are open to all regardless of age and experience.

Contact: Becky Worth

88-89 St Johns Street, Bury St Edmunds,
Suffolk IP33 1BT

01284 767380

SUFFOLK CRAFT SOCIETY

With over 170 craft members working in all major craft disciplines from textiles and ceramics to sculpture and glass, the Society represents the very best in design-led contemporary crafts. Membership is by election. Regular exhibitions and workshops.

Round Maples, Edwardstone, Sudbury,
Suffolk CO10 5PR

01787 211622

organiser@suffolkcraftsociety.org

www.suffolkcraftsociety.org

THE SUFFOLK GROUP

Group of around 30 artists of professional repute. Holds two exhibitions and one guest lecture annually, plus special exhibitions.

Chairman: Lindsay Harris

8 Seven Gardens, Burgh, Woodbridge,
Suffolk IP13 6SU

01473 735413

lindsayharris2001@yahoo.com

SUFFOLK OPEN STUDIOS

Suffolk artists open their studios to the public every weekend each June.

Contact: Mary Anne Bartlett

46 Victoria Road, Woodbridge,
Suffolk IP12 1EJ

01394 382235

mab@artsafari.co.uk

www.suffolkopenstudios.co.uk

Studios and workspaces**ASYLUM STUDIOS**

Artist-led co-operative professional studio group providing affordable studios, gallery/workshop space, darkroom and interrogation suite. Also holds seminars and exhibitions.

Contact: Phil Robbins

Building 118, Brentwaters Parks,
Rendlesham, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12

01394 461557

asylum@rowrowrow.co.uk

www.asylumstudios.co.uk

CAMBRIDGE ARTWORK STUDIOS

17 artist-run studios with a teaching and exhibition space for hire.

5 Greens Road, Cambridge, CB4 3HE

01223 506328

www.cambridgeartworkstudios.com

COURTYARD STUDIOS

Working studio of 6 artists practising contemporary painting and textile work. Open to public when artists are at work.

Contact: Sue Melville

6 Bedford Street, Ampthill,
Beds MK45 2NB

01525 406200

melville26uk@yahoo.co.uk

CUCKOO FARM STUDIOS

Large studio group offering affordable workspaces in a special creative setting for visual artists. Facilities include a print workshop, gallery space and a spacious garden as well as room to expand further.

Boxted Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 5HH

01206 843530

info@cuckoofarmstudios.org.uk

www.cuckoofarmstudios.org.uk

DIGSWELL ARTS TRUST

Supports artists with low cost studio facilities in Stevenage and Welwyn Garden City. Offers professional development, education and workshops, exhibiting opportunities and has a quarterly electronic newsletter.

Administrator: George Woodcraft

Fairlands Valley Farm, Fairlands Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 1NU
01707 326109

george_woodcraft@compuserve.com
www.chilternweb.co.uk/digswell/

THE FOCAL POINT COLLECTIVE STUDIO

Artist-led group studio, providing affordable space for local artists, with photographic black and white darkroom.

Chair: Alan Hockett

18a Grainger Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 5BZ
alanhockett1@aol.com

MUSPOLE STUDIOS

14 studios with space for approximately 20 artists. Participates in Norfolk Open Studios in May. Currently setting up a new gallery space in the studios.

Contact: Gary Tanner

25-27 Muspole Street, Norwich NR3 1DJ
01603 631409

PARNDON MILL

Four storey mill and outbuildings comprising studios and workshops for artists, craftsmen, designers and architects. Gallery exhibiting fine arts and crafts.

Contact: Sally Anderson

Parndon Mill, Off Elizabeth Way, Harlow, Essex CM20 2HP
01279 426042
info@parndonmill.co.uk

SKYLARK STUDIOS

Commercially-run workspace and art gallery showing monthly exhibitions of established and emerging artists. Art courses and workshops held.

Contact: Louise Stebbing

Hannath Road, Tydd Gote, Wisbech, Cambs PE13 5ND

01945 420203

louise@skylarkstudios.co.uk
www.skylarkstudios.co.uk

ST ETHELDREDA ARTISTS STUDIOS

Artist-run contemporary art studios featuring sculpture, painting, mixed media, depending upon membership mix and individual interests.

Contact: Mike Chapman

St Etheldreda Church, King Street, Norwich, Norfolk NR1 2DF

01603 631928

STOWMARKET ARTISTS STUDIOS

An established non-profit organisation providing affordable studio space for artists. Also hosts a variety of events.

Secretary: Frances Berry

Unit 20, Charles Industrial Estate, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5AH
info.sas@btinternet.com

SYNCHRO STUDIO

Established in 1998 as a creative workspace for 12 artists engaged in contemporary practice including painting, sculpture, photography, film and installation, with Open Studios twice a year, usually in June and November.

Contact: Heidi Wigmore

Unit 9, Leighcliff Buildings, Leighcliff Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex SS9 1DJ
heidewigmore@aol.com

WAREHOUSE ARTISTS STUDIOS LTD

Artist-led studio group, flexible space hire for exhibitions and workshops. Associate members scheme.

Units 8 & 4 Haslips Opening, Haslips Close, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 4PX

01603 627140

studios@artists.plus.com
www.warehousearts.co.uk

WESTACRE RIVER STUDIOS

Small rural arts centre with studio, theatre and foyer exhibition space. Holds occasional arts workshops and several foyer exhibitions each year.

Contact: Sarah Allen

River Road, Westacre, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE32 1UD

01760 755007

sarah@westacreriverstudios.co.uk
www.westacreriverstudios.co.uk

Fuel the debate

Commissions East's debates and seminars are designed to bring artists, commissioners and professionals from a range of sectors together.

Join a debate about how and why art is commissioned for the public realm or attend one of our seminars and learn from other artists' experience and understanding of the commissioning process.

Visit our website for information about the programme of events
www.commissionseast.org.uk



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Looking for a mentor?
www.commissionseast.org.uk

Visual arts organisations and galleries

ALBY CRAFTS

Seven craft workshops, gallery purchasing from artists/craftsmen, gift shop, furniture showroom and tearoom. Specialist gardens.

Contact: John H. Alston

Cromer Road, Eppingham, Norwich, Norfolk NR11 7QE

01263 761226

www.albycrafts.co.uk

ART CENTRE & GALLERY

A complete art and craft centre and gallery offering regular exhibitions of artworks together with a comprehensive programme of free demonstrations.

Manageress: Maureen Cerri

7 Howard Street, Bedford MK40 3HS

01234 344784

info@artcentre.biz

BABYLON GALLERY/ADEC

AdeC is an Arts Development Agency working across all art forms to promote access to high quality art in East Cambs. Organises events, exhibitions and commissions for the Babylon Gallery, Ely and other locations.

Arts Development Manager: Jane Wilson

Waterside, Ely, Cambs CB7 4AU

01353 669022

jane.wilson@adec.org.uk

www.adec.org.uk

BCA GALLERY

Offers lively and challenging temporary exhibitions of contemporary film, photography and digital media. Offers artists residencies.

Exhibitions and Publicity Manager: Katie Walton

33 Castle Lane, Bedford, Beds MK40 3XD

01234 273580

katiew@bedfordcreativearts.org

www.bedfordcreativearts.org

BEECROFT ART GALLERY

A year-round programme of temporary exhibitions including the Essex Open Show. Also has a permanent collection of paintings and historical costumes.

Keeper of Art: Clare Hunt

Station Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 7RA

01702 347418

www.beecroft-art-gallery.co.uk

BURY ST EDMUNDS ART GALLERY

Promotes contemporary art, craft and design through exhibitions, national tours, the Craft Shop, off-site projects, publications and educational activities. The 'Platform' programme promotes talented art and design graduates from across the eastern region through exhibitions, training and support.

Director: Alison Plumridge

The Market Cross, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 1BT

01284 762081

enquiries@burystedmundsartgallery.org

www.burystedmundsartgallery.org

BYARD ART

Contemporary gallery with monthly themed exhibitions of fine & applied art. Exhibits at selected art fairs in London and New York. Welcomes approaches from artists & makers.

Contact: Juliet Bowmaker

4 St Mary's Passage, Cambridge CB2 3PQ

01223 464646

info@byardart.co.uk

www.byardart.co.uk

CAMBRIDGE CONTEMPORARY ART

Monthly changing exhibition programme of paintings, sculptures, prints and crafts. Work by acknowledged masters, established

artists and emerging new talent.

Gallery Manager: Nathalie Staples

6 Trinity Street, Cambridge CB2 1SU

01223 324222

info@cambridgegallery.co.uk

www.cambridgegallery.co.uk

CHAPEL GALLERY

Rural gallery featuring a number of contemporary exhibitions throughout the year of original paintings, drawings, ceramics and sculpture. On site framing workshop. OwnArt scheme available.

Contact: John Donald

111 High Street, Risely, Bedford, MK44 1DF

01234 708604

chapelgallery@dial.pipex.com

www.chapelgallery.dial.pipex.com

COMMISSIONS EAST

The visual arts development agency for the East of England, providing an advisory and management service for commissioners, a programme of special projects addressing new areas of visual arts practice and a range of services for artists.

Director: David Wright

St Giles Hall, Pound Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AE

01223 356882

info@commissionseast.org.uk

www.commissionseast.org.uk

DEDHAM ART AND CRAFT CENTRE

Independent outlet of artists studios, local and worldwide crafts in a beautiful Victorian converted church in the heart of Constable country.

Contact: Michael Clark

High Street, Dedham, Nr Colchester, Essex, CO7 6AD

01206 322666

www.dedhamartandcraftcentre.co.uk

Register Online

Commissions East has a wide programme of services designed to help artists develop their careers. We offer a mix of professional development opportunities that help you build your skills, raise your aspirations and network with other artists.

If you are an artist living or working in the East of England, you can indicate which areas of Artist Services are of most interest to you or join our mailing list and be kept up to date with information about forthcoming opportunities and events.

www.commissionseast.org.uk



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THE ESTUARY GALLERY

Gallery showing work by resident artists.

Contact: **Ian James**

85 Broadway West, Leigh-on-Sea,
Essex SS9 2BU

01702 715144

ianphoto@btinternet.com

www.ianjphoto.ndirect.co.uk

FIRSTSITE

Programme of local, regional, national and international exhibitions across a range of art forms. Offers opportunities for regional artists, including exhibitions, residencies, mentoring and networking. 74 High Street, Colchester, Essex CO1 1UE

01206 577067

info@firstsite.uk.net

www.firstsite.uk.net

FOCAL POINT GALLERY

A changing exhibition programme of contemporary photography and new media arts. Regular workshops and events for all ages to accompany exhibitions.

Gallery Director: **Lesley Farrell**

Southend Central Library, Victoria Avenue,
Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 6EX

01702 612621

focalpointgallery@southend.gov.uk

www.focalpoint.org.uk

HADDENHAM GALLERIES

Gallery with artists studios. Monthly exhibitions of work from regional artists. Paintings, original prints, ceramics, glass and jewellery. Sculpture in the meadow. Workshops for children.

Contact: **Lynne Olney**

20 High Street, Haddenham, Nr Ely,
Cambs CB6 3XA

01353 749188

lynne@haddenhamgallery.co.uk

www.haddenhamgallery.co.uk

HAYLETT'S GALLERY

Offers a changing programme of exhibitions from both artists and makers, specialising in the best professional East Anglian and Modern British artists.

Oakwood House, 2 High Street, Maldon,
Essex CM9 5PJ

01621 851669

sally@haylettsgallery.com

www.haylettsgallery.com

HOME

A live art and performance production company, presenting events and programmes of work at its own venues in Suffolk and in London, as well as curation, production and mentoring services to other organisations, artists or individuals.

Director: **Laura Godfrey-Issacs**

The Old Church, Eye Road, Rishangles,
Suffolk IP23 7JZ

07957 565336

lgihome@aol.com

www.lgihome.co.uk

THE HUNTER GALLERY

Contemporary paintings, sculpture and furniture in five rooms on two floors plus a sculpture garden. Ever changing mixed exhibitions with something to suit all tastes from the figurative and impressionistic to abstract.

9 Hall Street, Long Melford, Sudbury,
Suffolk CO10 9JF

01787 466117

info@thehuntergallery.com

www.thehuntergallery.com

THE ARTISTS' INFORMATION COMPANY

"...not so much a magazine as a way of thinking and positioning of ideas."

TOM BURTONWOOD,
artist, *The Bridge* magazine,
Chicago, USA

"The main channel through which artists are contacted and informed."

SURINDER WARBOYS,
artist, Suffolk

"...a-n's web resources are excellent: immediate, easily accessible; essential support for professional artists."

LORRAINE BERRY
artist, Manchester

"...a pioneering force... a window on contemporary practice for professionals and students."

JULIE LIVSEY,
artist, Northumberland

"Great for keeping up with debates...."

SIMON READ,
artist, Suffolk

"The artist's version of Yellow Pages, essential information, excellent reading and research material."

CHEK-HUO LEUNG,
artist, Liverpool

**UK Artist's subscription £30 (£28 Direct Debit);
Other UK professionals and organisations £53 (£51 Direct Debit).
T 0191 241 8000 subs@a-n.co.uk www.a-n.co.uk**

KETTLE'S YARD

Comprises a permanent collection of predominantly early twentieth-century British Modernist art and a temporary exhibition space. Full programme of local, national and international shows, education workshops and lectures, and music performances, among others. Castle Street, Cambridge CB3 0AQ
01223 352124
 mail@kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk
 www.kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk

KINGS LYNN ARTS CENTRE

Newly refurbished National Trust property with 4 distinctive exhibition spaces. Full and diverse programme of contemporary arts. Open to approaches from artists. 27-29 King Street, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE30 1HA
01553 779095
 www.kingslynnarts.co.uk

MOULSHAM MILL CRAFT AND BUSINESS CENTRE

Early 18th Century water mill housing a variety of crafts and small businesses.
Contact: Anita Goldsmith
 Moulsham Mill, Parkway, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 7PX
01245 608200
 mail@moulshammill.co.uk
 www.moulshammill.co.uk

NORWICH ARTS CENTRE

Gallery space for solo or group exhibitions. Keen for approaches from photography and new media artists, including those from outside formal education. Offers new media facilities and digital media related courses. Plasma screens and projectors available for exhibitions.
Centre Manager: Stuart Hobday
 St Benedict's Street, Norwich NR2 4PG
01603 660387
 stuarthobday@norwichartscentre.co.uk
 www.norwichartscentre.co.uk

NORWICH GALLERY

Shows temporary exhibitions of contemporary art all year round. Approximately 40 national and international artists are invited/commissioned each year to show painting, sculpture, photography, video and new media. Events are organised for each exhibition.
Curator: Lynda Morris
 Norwich School of Art and Design, St George Street, Norwich NR3 1BB
01603 756247
 info@norwichgallery.co.uk
 www.norwichgallery.co.uk

OUTPOST

An artist-run gallery that hosts 12 exhibitions each year along with film screenings and other events. Members are invited to join and benefit.
Contact: Kaavous Clayton
 10b Wensum Street, Norwich NR3 1HR
01603 612428
 questions@norwichoutpost.org
 www.norwichoutpost.org

PETERBOROUGH DIGITAL ARTS

A digital/new media exhibition, production and workshop facility offering space and support for the creation and exhibition of new media and digital arts.
Curator: Lisa Helin
 Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery, Priestsgate, Peterborough, Cambs PE1 1LF
01733 343119
 lisa.helin@peterborough.gov.uk
 www.pdarts.org.uk

THE PLACE, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY ARTS CENTRE

An arts centre that provides a wide range of arts activities and education for Letchworth and its surrounding area. The Place has a large art gallery, a small theatre, class and activity rooms and an Art Café. 18-20 Leys Avenue, Letchworth Garden City, Herts SG6 3EW
01462 670788
 www.placearts.org

SAINSBURY CENTRE FOR VISUAL ARTS

Housed in buildings designed by architect Norman Foster and featuring the Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection of world art alongside a lively programme of temporary exhibitions and events.
Head of Collections and Exhibitions: Amanda Geitner
 University of East Anglia, Norwich NR4 7TJ
01603 593199
 www.scava.ac.uk

UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE GALLERIES

Operates two contemporary art spaces – The Margaret Harvey Gallery, St Albans and the Art and Design Gallery, Hatfield. Programmes 12-15 exhibitions a year by contemporary artists, designers and makers in the emergent stages of their careers.
Head of Programming and Operations: Matthew Shaul
 Hatfield Campus, College Lane, Hatfield, Herts AL10 9AB
01707 285376
 m.b.shaul@herts.ac.uk
 www.herts.ac.uk

THE WAREHOUSE

Art gallery, art supply shop, courses, studios, workshops, teaching/workshop rooms for hire.
Contact: Linda Webb
 49-53 Arnold Street, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 1PU
01502 581376
 bryantb358@aol.com

WAG VISUAL ARTS IPSWICH

Promotes contemporary art practice in Ipswich, the region and beyond. Offers a range of resources for artists including directories, visual arts listings, an IT loan scheme and equipment for artists to borrow. Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich Suffolk IP4 2BE
01473 433554
 www.visualarts-ipswich.org.uk

Want to network with other artists?
 www.commissionseast.org.uk

Find out more about Escalator Visual Arts
 www.commissionseast.org.uk

WILDWOOD GALLERY

Provides a variety of fine art from abstracts to figurative works and exhibits bronze sculptures and ceramics. Represents well-established and emerging British artists. Plus bespoke framing and restoration service.

Partners: Jo and Kevin Youngman

40 Churchgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 1RG

01284 752938

info@wildwoodgallery.co.uk

www.wildwoodgallery.co.uk

WORX OF ART GALLERY

Contemporary art gallery exhibiting unique paintings, sculpture, photography and designed jewelry. Continually changing programme of exhibitions.

Contact: Mandy Sullivan

15c Sun Street, Hitchin, Herts SG5 1AH

01462 423390

info@worx-of-art.com

www.worx-of-art.com

WYSING ARTS

A visual arts centre in South Cambridgeshire with an extensive programme of exhibitions, events and workshops. 20 studios on site.

Fox Road, Bourn, Cambridge CB3 7TX

01954 718881

info@wysingarts.org

www.wysingarts.org

Need information?
www.commissionseast.org.uk

Professional development organisations

BUSINESS LINK FOR BEDFORDSHIRE AND LUTON

Network of local Business Link offices providing help and information to all sizes of business, whether just starting up or looking to expand.

Business Competitiveness Centre, Kimpton Road, Luton, Beds LU2 0SX

0845 8508822

info@chamber-business.com

www.chamber-business.com

BUSINESS LINK FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Network of local Business Link offices providing help and information to all sizes of business, whether just starting up or looking to expand.

Centenary House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 3PE

0845 6097979

enquiries@cambs.businesslink.co.uk

www.cambs.businesslink.co.uk

BUSINESS LINK FOR ESSEX

Network of local Business Link offices providing help and information to all sizes of business, whether just starting up or looking to expand.

Alexandra House, 36a Church Street, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 7HY

0845 7171615

info@bl4e.co.uk

www.bl4e.co.uk

BUSINESS LINK FOR NORFOLK

Network of local Business Link offices providing help and information to all sizes of business, whether just starting up or looking to expand.

PO Box 36, Swaffham, Norfolk PE37 7HT

0845 7218218

success@businesslinknorfolk.co.uk

www.businesslinknorfolk.co.uk

BUSINESS LINK FOR SUFFOLK

Network of local Business Link offices providing help and information to all sizes of business, whether just starting up or looking to expand.

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0845 7254254

info@bls.org.uk

www.bls.org.uk

BUSINESS LINK HERTFORDSHIRE

Network of local Business Link offices providing help and information to all sizes of business, whether just starting up or looking to expand.

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COMMISSIONS EAST

Services for artists including advice, training, mentoring, seminars and debates as well as commissioning opportunities. Operates a database of artists, regionally and nationally.

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Commissions East's mentoring programme matches artists with peers – establishing relationships valuable to both the mentor and mentee.

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HM REVENUE & CUSTOMS

Formerly Inland Revenue. Includes information on starting up a business, tax and insurance issues, a Starting Up Business Guide, a helpline and access to business support teams.
www.hmrc.gov.uk/startingup

MAKING ART WORK

A professional development scheme for visual artists in Suffolk, devised and developed by Suffolk County Council. Offers free advice sessions, training events and conferences (the latter open to all artists regardless of where they live); develops fast-track opportunities for new artists and creative renewal opportunities for mid-career artists.

Project Administrator: Candida Wingate
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01986 798220
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www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/libraries/arts/makingartwork.htm

NFEA

A membership body for Local Enterprise Agencies in England which forms a network of independent, not-for-profit local agencies providing a comprehensive range of services to small and growing businesses.
12 Stephenson Court, Fraser Road, Priory Business Park, Bedford MK44 3WH
01234 831623
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Specialised facilities**THE CURWEN STUDIO**

Collaborative printmaking studio for artists to explore all forms of lithography: stone, zinc and photo plate. Monoprints or editions. Selection of prints for sale.

Contact: Jenny Roland
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GAINSBOROUGH'S HOUSE PRINT WORKSHOP

Open-access print workshop for artists making original print housed within the birthplace museum of Thomas Gainsborough. Offers a range of daytime and evening classes for children and adults.

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SIGNALS MEDIA CENTRE

A regional media resource and facility, supporting film-makers and media artists. Manages a wide range of projects, bringing together media professionals, new talent, young people and the wider community. Victoria Chambers, St Runwald Street, Colchester, Essex CO1 1HF

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www.signals.org.uk

ST BARNABAS PRESS

Print facilities in Cambridge. Open access, tuition, studio spaces, edition and contract proofing. Weekly classes in etching, screen-printing, lithography, relief printing.

Contact: James Hill
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Other regional contacts**THE ACCESSIBLE ART COMPANY**

Promotes the work of East Anglian based artists, including PR, marketing, help with pricing and approaching galleries. Also offers a consultancy service to those wishing to purchase art and runs an arts rental business.
Director: Lucy Middleton
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 lucy@accessibleart.co.uk
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ARTS & BUSINESS EAST

Provides information, resources and advice to help arts organisations develop. Gives advice on fundraising, new sources of income, access to sponsorship seminars and arts surgery days. Also has an Arts Development Forum.
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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND, EAST

One of nine regional offices of Arts Council England, the national development agency for the arts. Manages Grants for the Arts, a funding scheme for individuals, organisations and national touring. Advice and information about funding available online and by phone.
 Eden House, 48-49 Bateman Street,
 Cambridge CB2 1LR
0845 300 6200
 enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk
 www.artscouncil.org.uk/regions

CREATIVE ARTS EAST

Provides practical support to the arts community in Norfolk. Directly promotes tours, exhibitions and one-off performances and readings by professional artists and companies. Develops community-based arts projects which address social issues around isolation and disadvantage.
 Griffin Court, Market Street, Wymondham,
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01953 713390
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 www.creativeartseast.co.uk

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Promotes the value of the arts within a holistic approach to health and wellbeing. Art is used to help create better lives and provide opportunities for people who are disabled, elderly or experience mental distress. See the website for details of current workshops and projects.
 Wysing Arts Centre, Fox Road, Bourn,
 Cambridge CB3 7TX
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 www.inspire.org.uk

MOMENTUM ARTS

Aims to advance the skills, knowledge and creativity of groups and individuals in East England through training, action research projects and consultation.
 Bolton's Warehouse, 23 Tenison Road,
 Cambridge CB1 2DG
01223 500202
 info@momentumarts.org.uk
 www.momentumarts.org.uk

PETERBOROUGH ART HOUSE LTD

Arts consultancy, supplying and commissioning art. Public and private sector. Established artist's studio for abstract and contemporary paintings. Artist's agent, exhibitions and Open Studios co-ordinator.
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Collaborates with innovative artists working within a variety of media to help develop their practice and sell their work. Have developed a private and corporate client base interested in seminal artwork to enrich their collections.
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SUFFOLK ARTLINK

The arts and inclusion agency for the County. Works to give people with disabilities and people from disadvantaged areas the opportunity to participate in the arts and to explore their creative potential.
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 www.suffolkartlink.org.uk

Key national contacts**ACAVA**

A visual arts facility providing studios and other services for professional artists. Organises exhibitions and public art commissions and runs educational and community arts projects. Also has digital arts facilities.
Artistic Director: Duncan Smith
 54 Blechynden Street, London W10 6RJ
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ALIAS**(ARTIST LED INITIATIVES ADVISORY SERVICE)**

An interactive tool for artists, groups and networks working in South West England, however the resources pages on the website are open to all.

www.aliasarts.org

A-N THE ARTISTS INFORMATION COMPANY

Key UK agency for supporting artists and promoting and shaping visual arts practice, publishing a-n Magazine, www.a-n.co.uk, the Code of Practice for the Visual Arts and a wide range of interactive professional practice resources. 7-15 Pink Lane, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 5DW

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ARTISTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

A UK-wide intelligence and exchange forum for organisations that are pro-actively developing information, advice, training and professional development services for visual and applied arts. www.apd-network.info

ARTQUEST

Online resource of up-to-date information relating to presenting and selling work; research and development; funding; professional development opportunities and an online legal advice service. (NB one-to-one sessions, training and seminar events are for artists with London addresses only.)

University of the Arts, 65 Davies Street, London W1K 5DA

info@artquest.org.uk

www.artquest.org.uk

ARTS AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL (AHRC)

Supports research within higher education institutions from a huge subject domain including history, modern languages, English literature and creative and performing arts.

Whitefriars, Lewins Mead, Bristol, BS1 2AE

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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

The national development agency for the arts in England, distributing public money from Government and the National Lottery, operating across England via ten regional council offices.

0845 300 6200

www.artscouncil.org.uk

THE ARTS COUNCIL OF WALES (ACW)

Responsible for developing the arts in Wales. Supports arts activity and facilities through money from the Welsh Assembly Government, local government and the National Lottery.

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ARTS MARKETING ASSOCIATION (AMA)

For arts professionals involved in bringing arts and audiences together. Membership open to anyone whose job involves persuading the public to experience the arts.

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ARTSADVICE

Information, guidance and practical help on developing a successful career in the creative industries.

www.artsadvice.com

AWARDS FOR ALL

Lottery grants up to £5,000 for community-based projects enabling people to participate in art, heritage, community activities or sport, also projects that promote education, health and the environment. Doesn't fund individuals. 2nd Floor, Elizabeth House, 1 High Street, Chesterton, Cambridge CB4 1YW

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www.awardsforall.org.uk

AXIS

A comprehensive database of contemporary artists; an enquiry service for commissioners, galleries, architects and other arts professionals to contact artists with opportunities; organises events, conferences, exhibitions, presentations and workshops.

Contact: Mark Smith

The Round Foundry Media Centre, Foundry Street, Leeds, Yorks LS11 5QP

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DESIGN AND ARTISTS COPYRIGHT SOCIETY (DACS)

A not-for-profit organisation promoting and protecting the copyright and rights of artists and visual creators. Membership is open to all visual artists.

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ENGAGE

An international membership organisation promoting access to, and understanding of, the visual arts and galleries.

Campaigns for wider access, shares good practice and trains gallery staff and artists to work with the public.

Basement, 108 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 3RA

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www.engage.org

INIVA**(INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL VISUAL ARTS)**

Creates exhibitions, publications, multimedia, educational and research projects, designed to bring the work of artists from culturally diverse backgrounds to the attention of the widest possible public.

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THE PRINCE'S TRUST

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www.princes-trust.org.uk

PUBLIC ART ONLINE

Online resource for anyone involved in public art. Contains practical advice, case studies, a links section, news and current research and covers all aspects of commissioning artists.

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THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF BRITISH SCULPTORS (RBS)

A membership society for professional sculptors, with members throughout the UK and internationally. Also offers membership for sculpture students, recent graduates and less established artists, providing advice on the way to professional practice.

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SCOTTISH ARTS COUNCIL (SAC)

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UK FILM COUNCIL

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