If you are interested in finding more about what knowledge exchange means to the arts and humanities as well as developing contacts and finding out how other universities are approaching this area, NCACE is an ideal place to start. Launched in February 2021, NCACE is led by The Culture Capital Exchange and funded by Research England. They facilitate and support capacity for Knowledge Exchange between Higher Education and the arts and cultural sector across the UK, with a particular focus on evidencing and showcasing the social, cultural, environmental, as well as economic, impacts of such activities.

They run excellent regular events with speakers from across the UK from both HEIs and the arts and cultural sector as well as from Research England, particularly on the KEF, along with a regular newsletter and blog. Events are recorded and free to attend. There are also a useful series of publications that include materials relating to knowledge exchange and collaborations between Higher Education and the arts and cultural sector. It includes academic literature as well as reports, toolkits and blogs.

NCACE states:

‘Whilst Knowledge Exchange, in its wider sense, between higher education research and the arts and cultural sectors is a well-established activity with many different models, manifestations and positive effects, there is often a lack of awareness on both sides about how to make it happen. NCACE is focused on creating positive ecologies and environments in which to foster excellent Knowledge Exchange and collaboration between Higher Education and the arts and cultural sector and on supporting ambition around the wider potential and impacts for such work.’

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