

South East Creative Economy Network (SECEN)

The [South East Creative Economy Network](#) (SECEN) works to accelerate growth in the digital, creative and cultural sector. It is a working partnership between local authorities, creative businesses, arts and cultural organisations and education bodies (4 universities are members) across the [South East Local Enterprise Partnership](#) (SELEP) area which covers East Sussex, Kent and Essex.

SECEN identifies barriers to growth and implements practical and scalable initiatives to overcome them by aligning the efforts of businesses, education providers, strategic organisations and local authorities. Meetings enable sharing, good practice and opportunities to develop partnerships for future collaborations – and potentially accessing funds to support these.

SELEP's current Creative Sector Support Fund Projects:

Catalyst for Culture

The Catalyst for Culture Programme is a new partnership between established performing arts institutions of national and international standing in the SELEP region, providing live and online theatre experiences for audiences throughout Kent, Medway, Thurrock, Southend, East Sussex, South Essex and Essex during the Covid crisis, and supporting the creative, production and technical workforce, artists and freelancers across the SELEP region.

Creative Open Workspace Masterplan and Prospectus

The SELEP Creative Open Workspace Masterplan and Prospectus project drives growth, innovation and prosperity by supporting the workspace needs of one of the fastest growing sectors – the creative industries.

England's Creative Coast

The project will create an innovative new immersive visitor experience driven by world class art, which aims to build the volume and value of visitors to the South East.

Margaretta Jolly and Medeni Fordham are members of the open network.

Contact Medeni at M.Fordham@sussex.ac.uk for more information – anyone working within the sector has the opportunity to join and attend meetings.