

# Creative Skills & Futures Network Chair [Role Descriptor]

## Overview

As the Network Chair for the Creative Skills & Futures Network, you will play a pivotal role in leading and facilitating discussions, fostering collaboration, and driving initiatives to advance creative education, skills, careers, and the future creative workforce. With a focus on inclusivity, engagement, and impact, you will guide the network towards achieving its objectives while ensuring the active participation and representation of Creative UK's diverse membership base.

## Responsibilities

### Leadership and Facilitation:

- Provide strategic leadership to the network, setting clear objectives and priorities aligned with our mission and goals.
- Facilitate network meetings effectively, ensuring all members have the opportunity to contribute, share insights, and engage in discussions.
- Encourage collaboration and partnership-building between industry and education stakeholders to drive impactful initiatives.

### Inclusivity and Representation:

- Promote inclusivity within the network, ensuring diverse perspectives are valued and represented in decision-making processes.
- Foster a welcoming and supportive environment where all members feel empowered to participate and contribute to discussions and activities.
- Advocate for equitable access and opportunities for all members, regardless of their background or affiliation.

### Engagement and Communication:

- Maintain regular communication with network members, providing updates, sharing relevant resources, and soliciting feedback on network activities.
- Drive engagement and participation in network meetings and activities, both in-person and remotely, by implementing effective communication strategies and innovative approaches.
- Act as a liaison between the network and external stakeholders, fostering relationships and promoting the network's visibility and impact.

### Initiative and Impact:

- Lead the development and implementation of initiatives aimed at advancing the objectives of the network, such as collaborative projects, advocacy campaigns, and knowledge-sharing activities.
- Monitor and evaluate the impact of network activities, collecting feedback from members and stakeholders to inform continuous improvement efforts.
- Champion the network's role in influencing policy, driving research agendas, and shaping the future of creative education and skills development.

## Experience

- Demonstrated experience in leadership and facilitation, preferably within a professional or educational context related to the creative industries.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to build relationships, inspire engagement, and navigate diverse perspectives.
- Knowledge of and passion for issues related to creative education, skills development, and workforce readiness.
- Strategic thinking and problem-solving abilities, with a track record of driving initiatives and achieving results.
- Commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, with the ability to foster an inclusive and welcoming environment for all network members.

## Duration and Commitment

The role of Network Chair is voluntary and requires a commitment of approximately 3 hours per month, including preparation for and participation in network meetings, communication with members, and leadership of network initiatives, supported by Creative UK's network lead. The term of appointment is two years, renewable based on mutual agreement and continued alignment with the objectives of the network.

## Application Process

To apply for the role of Network Chair, please apply via the application form on the member portal. Applications close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024.

Applications will be reviewed via selection committee who will be in touch with all candidates early-mid May. In the event of several strong applications, follow up conversations may be arranged with shortlisted candidates

If you require any adjustments or have any questions about the role, please email Chris Slessor (Development and Partnerships Manager, Education) at [chris.slessor@wearecreative.uk](mailto:chris.slessor@wearecreative.uk).

*Please note: This role description is intended to provide a general overview of the responsibilities and qualifications required for the position of Network Chair. Additional duties may be assigned based on the evolving needs of the network and the skills and interests of the selected candidate.*