

LEP/Creative Industries Forum

Purpose

- For DCMS (CLG/BEIS) to update on government strategy and policy development applicable to Creative Industries, use forum as feedback mechanism to inform future policy direction.
- For LEPs - and their equivalents in Scotland, Wales and NI - to share best practice on how to grow and support the Creative Industries in their region.
- For LEPs to learn more about the sector, including its size, makeup, potential, workforce, etc, and barriers/opportunities faced by the Creative Industries across the UK.
- For the Creative Industries to highlight key challenges and opportunities they face at a national and local level.
- For the Creative Industries to outline where the sector could practically contribute to and support local economic strategy and development.
- To discuss potential ideas for new local policy and best practice, and in the immediate future, to inform the development and delivery of local industrial strategies

Membership

- **UK Government:** DCMS; DCLG; BEIS.
- **LEPs** and LEP equivalents in Scotland, Wales and NI.
- **Cities:** A representative from both the Core Cities and Key Cities groups.
- **Industry:** Creative Industries Federation, with a select group of individuals from across the sector and across the UK, inviting sector leads/speakers to discuss a particular topic of focus.

Format. **3 hours.** First half: updates and knowledge sharing from both industry and LEPs. The Federation to lead the industry update, pulling together learnings from its regional working groups and other regional engagements. Second half: focus on a particular initiative/policy issue/barrier to growth.

Frequency and tie-in with other initiatives. **Bi-annual.** The LEP/Creative Industries Forum could potentially dovetail with the Creative Industries Federation's regional working groups, which run twice a year in nine towns/cities across England, Scotland, and Wales. In 2018, the Federation will also establish a regional working group in Northern Ireland. The LEP/Creative Industries Forum will be timed to follow on from the convening of these regional working groups to ensure that the latest insights and common fears, barriers, opportunities, and ideas are fed back into and discussed at the national LEP/Creative Industries Forum.

The Creative Industry Federation's regional working groups convene members from across each region, together with representatives from the LEP and local/combined authority. The purpose of the regional working groups is to update Federation members on latest developments, insights and sectoral engagement on Federation activity and national public policy, and to receive feedback from members on key and emerging challenges/opportunities and ideas for public policy - national and local - on how to respond/harness them.