

CCSCCS30 SQA Unit Code H8XX 04

Understand the sector in which you work and the wider creative and cultural context



Overview

This unit is about understanding the cultural heritage sector, and the wider creative and cultural context in which you work, which involves keeping up-to-date with developments in your profession, considering how your work might impact wider activities in the sector and thinking about how these activities might influence and impact the way you work. This unit is derived from Creative & Cultural Skills' Community Arts Standards CA9 Keep up-to-date with developments in the arts.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 identify the main issues and challenges to the sector
- P2 identify key individuals or organisations that influence the sector
- P3 join membership associations, specialist groups, committees and organisations that have an important role in the sector
- P4 attend conferences or meetings to develop your ideas and involvement in sector issues
- P5 identify ways to make new contacts using formal and informal techniques, making sure that you follow any relationship guidelines set by your organisation
- P6 develop your networks and professional contacts to provide you with information, support and resources about your sector
- P7 take continuing professional development on offer through your organisation or from membership groups to develop your body of knowledge and experience about the sector
- P8 illustrate, explore and develop your understanding of the sector by contributing to conferences, online debates, and sharing knowledge
- P9 identify the ways in which your organisation contributes to the sector
- P10 identify opportunities to improve your working practices based on wide sector practices
- P11 develop your organisation or sector as a result of your specialist experience and knowledge, working with other staff and colleagues to share best practice
- P12 develop your organisational policy and activities in relation to sector issues, communicating your work to the sector

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the importance of keeping up-to-date with developments in the sector
- K2 how to research information and seek advice about your sector
- K3 the importance of making a contribution to the sector in which you work
- K4 the different ways in which the sector communicates
- K5 how to identify, build and maintain professional contacts and networks
- K6 how to contribute to and make the most of membership of associations and specialist groups
- K7 where and how your organisation fits within the sector and the contribution it makes
- K8 the importance of openness and transparency and of maintaining discretion when necessary

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