

## The Southeast Cultural Observatory's Guide to Who's Who in the South East

The purpose of this guide is to give a simple introduction to the functions of a range of organisations working at a regional level in the south east of England.

For those interested in finding out more, the guide provides pointers to relevant websites and contact details.

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## Arts Council England, South East

Arts Council England works to get more art to more people in more places. We develop and promote the arts across England, acting as an independent body at arm's length from government.

Between 2006 and 2008, we will invest £1.1 billion of public money from government and the National Lottery in supporting the arts. This is the bedrock of support for the arts in England.

We believe that the arts have the power to change lives and communities, and to create opportunities for people throughout the country.

For 2006 to 2008, we have six priorities:

- taking part in the arts
- children and young people
- the creative economy
- vibrant communities
- internationalism
- celebrating diversity

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## Culture South East

Culture South East (CSE) is the regional cultural consortium for the South East of England. One of eight cultural consortiums serving each of the English regions outside London. Funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, The cultural consortiums were established to champion cultural and creative interests at a regional level.

As well as gathering and disseminating research and information that highlights how culture contributes towards the achievement of regional and local policies, it promotes collaboration within the cultural sector and celebrates the way in which the cultural sector is enhancing the quality of life of the region.

The focus of its work is provided by the regional cultural strategy, The Cultural Cornerstone updated in The Cultural Agenda and in our Annual reports. Copies of all CSE reports are available on the CSE website.

Funding: CSE works across the region's cultural sector, clustering people and organisations round ideas that will strengthen the cultural infrastructure. It does not, however, hold or distribute funds.





CSE also leads the development of the Southeast Cultural Observatory (SECO), an online resource that aims to collate, interpret and disseminate cultural intelligence to enable users to make the case for culture.

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## English Heritage

English Heritage is the Government's statutory adviser on the historic environment and is funded by both central Government and from revenue earned from its historic properties and other services. English Heritage works in partnership with the central government departments, local authorities, voluntary bodies and the private sector to conserve and enhance the historic environment, broaden the public's access to their heritage and increase their understanding of the past.

Staff in the South East region provide advice to local authorities and other agencies on planning and policy issues relating to the historic environment. In addition the regional team manages and maintains 68 historic attractions, keeping them open to the public and providing associated interpretation, education and outreach work. Properties include the famous Osborne House on the Isle of Wight and Dover Castle in Kent.

Funding: English Heritage has a number of grant schemes designed to help with the protection and promotion of the historic environment.

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## Government Office for the South East (GOSE)

Part of the Department for Communities and Local Government, Government Offices provide a focus for the activities of ten government departments within the nine English regions, including the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

The importance of culture, leisure and sport in addressing issues such as social inclusion, health and crime is becoming increasingly apparent. Government Offices work with a range of regional and local





partners to identify where links can be made with other government programmes at local level and aim to promote the DCMS strategic priorities and the cultural agenda for the South East throughout the region.

GOSE works in partnership with the regional cultural agencies for the South East, including Culture South East, Arts Council England, South East, Sport England, Tourism South East, South East Museum, Library and Archive Council, the Culture team at the South East England Development Agency, local authorities and others. More information is available on the Culture and Leisure pages of the GOSE website at [www.gose.gov.uk/](http://www.gose.gov.uk/)

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## **Museums, Libraries and Archives South East (MLA South East)**

MLA South East is the strategic development agency for the museum, library and archive sector in the South East, part of the wider MLA Partnership with the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) and the eight other regional agencies.

It works to improve people's lives by building knowledge, supporting learning, inspiring creativity and celebrating identity. MLA South East acts collectively for the benefit of the sector and the public, leading the transformation of museums, libraries and archives for the future. It receives core funding from the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council.

MLA South East supports the largest number of museums, libraries and archives in any English region, with over 300 museums and galleries, 2500 library collections and 375 archive collections and services.

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## **South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)**

SEEDA is the Government funded agency set up in 1999 responsible for the economic and social development of the South East.

SEEDA's aim is to create a prosperous, dynamic and inspirational region by helping businesses compete more effectively, training a highly skilled workforce, supporting and enabling our communities, while safeguarding our natural resources and cherishing our rich cultural heritage.

SEEDA has a good working relationship with cultural partners and, along with other partners, invests in the Southeast Cultural Observatory. SEEDA joint funds 3 posts with Arts Council England, South East, MLA South East and Sport England South East and works in partnership with Culture South East, Tourism South East and Sport England South East on a Major Sports Events Strategy.

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## **The South East England Intelligence Network**

The Regional Observatory for the South East - SEE-iN - is a partnership approach to research and intelligence coordination. The partnership consists of five regional bodies, each with a role to play in regional intelligence.

The scope of SEE-iN is to:

inform the development of public policy, primarily at a regional level, but also influencing local and national policy debates;  
forge links between local, regional and national intelligence; and  
connect and integrate relevant sources of information and intelligence

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## **The South East Regional Assembly**

The South East England Regional Assembly is a regional partnership with 112 members representing local authorities and sectors of the community (including business, trades unions, education, housing, health, sports, culture, tourism, faith groups, environmental, community and voluntary organisations) as well as the New Forest National Park Authority.

The Assembly's vision is for a distinctive, outward-looking accessible region of prosperous, sustainable communities, with a high quality of life and environment.





Its main roles are:

Advocacy – pressing the South East's interests in London and Brussels.

Accountability – scrutinising the plans and performance of regional bodies such as SEEDA to align priorities.

Accountability – preparing and delivering the South East Plan, the 20-year strategic development framework for the region.

The Regional Assembly does not directly fund projects.

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## Screen South

Screen South is the film, television and digital media agency for the south east of England and is funded principally by the UK Film Council.

The purposes of the agency are to

- provide the first port of call for funding and information relating to film in the region
- collaborate with existing organisations to develop hubs of activity and expertise
- encourage networking and collaboration between media practitioners
- work with the industry to set standards for excellence, creativity and innovation
- act as an advocate for the region's film and media industry nationally and internationally
- promote the profile of the region to attract inward investment
- find creative ways of developing audiences for film and the moving image, promoting opportunities for education and wider access
- act as a key route for the flow of information between the Film Council, regional organisations and film makers

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## Sport England South East

Sport England is an organisation committed to creating opportunities for people to start in sport, stay in sport and succeed in sport. It provides the strategic lead for sport in the South East and is responsible for delivering the Government's sporting objectives.

Sport England South East has a target to increase adult participating in 30 minutes of sporting activity three times a week by at least 1% year on year.

Funding: Sport England is responsible for distributing lottery money and investing in a number of sporting initiatives and projects through the Community Investment Fund, with decisions on funding being made by Regional Sports Board.

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## Tourism South East

Tourism South East is a partnership of private enterprise and both local and regional government with over 2000 commercial and 70 local authority members. As the regional agency for tourism in the region, its aim is to support and assist a competitive, growing, profitable and sustainable tourism industry in the south east. Its principal public funder is the South East England Development Agency.

The mission of the agency is to create the conditions for tourism in the region to allow it to develop and grow by providing high quality support to its members, leading regional marketing campaigns, encouraging the highest levels of skills and customer service, supporting regeneration projects and setting up strategic partnership projects of all kinds.

Tourism is recognised as one of the principal economic drivers in the south east and, as such, Tourism South East has a leading role in representing the industry's interests, raising awareness of the economic and social significant of tourism and encouraging a supportive political and policy climate.

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