



CHEAD Membership

The Council of Higher Education in Art and Design is the association of educational institutions with degree or postgraduate provision in art, design, creative media, and related disciplines.

CHEAD is the representative body for the art, design, creative media, and related disciplines in the higher education sector. Our mission is to contribute to the development of the art and design higher education community, its standing and stature as well as its engagement with the outside world.

We carry out research, scan the policy horizon, brief our members, facilitate debates and networking opportunities for senior staff from within and outside art and design HE, as well as helping to shape policy on our members' behalf. We also facilitate specialist internal networks supporting research, knowledge exchange and innovation and art and design Subject Associations.

Membership

Our membership of over 68 art and design HE institutions (HEIs) spans the HE sector ranging from Russell Group, to private art and design HE providers, and Post-1992 art and design departments in multi-faculty institutions. We are the specialist representative body for HE art and design, representing the full range of art and design HEIs, and our membership is currently expanding. Our members also participate in REF Panels, in the development of art and design QAA subject benchmarks, and in art and design Subject Associations.

Through our current range of activities, members have the opportunity to:

- Take up a free space at the CHEAD Annual Conference
- Receive regular policy updates in a fast-changing policy landscape.
- Support a voice for the sector: CHEAD has a strong track record in delivering key sector focussed policy events and projects.
- Support your staff: our Leadership Programme provides leadership seminars run by peers for aspiring academic leaders.
- Join our specialist networks: CHEAD supports a Research Alliance, a Technical Alliance, an EDI Alliance and a Subject Association Alliance.

The CHEAD Board of Trustees

CHEAD is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by a Board of Trustees, which has delegated authority to implement policy. The Board of Trustees consists of three Honorary Officers, six elected Trustees and up to four co-opted members. A term on the Board of Trustees is three years. Retiring members of the Board of Trustees are eligible for re-election but shall not normally serve for more than two terms of appointment consecutively. The Board of Trustees is served by a part time External Relations and Policy Director and part time Membership and Operations Director.

The role of the Board of Trustees is to:

- Represent the membership
- Respond to the demands of its membership
- React positively to such changes in the sector (and their consequences) as arise
- Be proactive at all times on behalf of the interests of the membership
- Determine the theme of and lead at the main CHEAD events: its Annual Conference held in the Spring and its membership events throughout the academic year.



CHEAD's activities follow a Strategic Plan, developed with the close involvement of CHEAD members.

Monthly policy briefings are distributed to inform the membership of key developments and consultations are circulated to the membership.

The role of member institutions:

- Members must nominate a main representative who has voting rights at the Annual General Meeting
- Members are asked to provide yearly updates around staff to be included on the CHEAD mailing list
- Members are asked to encourage their staff to join one of CHEAD's specialist networks
- Members are encouraged to put forward themes for CHEAD events and to participate in member showcase events to support best practice sharing amongst the membership



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What our members say

- “ CHEAD has helped us make key contacts in regards to art and design policy
- “ Their membership events are well run and informative with relevant speakers
- “ It's a great resource with access to a wide network of art and design professionals and their knowledge

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