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CONNECT



EMPOWER



CHAMPION



GROW

4 elements to our work

Connect

Bringing together the sector into a cohesive ecology through effective communication that enables productive collaboration and cuts out duplication



Empower

Coordinating the development of the arts and culture sector through Network projects and by supporting the activity of members



Champion

Advocating for the vital role culture plays in Cumbria's community cohesion, economic development, employment, health and wellbeing and place-shaping



Grow

Advancing the skills of members through training and personal development and creating new opportunities through commissions



Friday Zoom Conversations – 16 months, every week

3,000+ attendees

62 calls



59

different

guest

speakers



arts
fundraising &
philanthropy



Other achievements

Fundraising training

Advocacy

Tackling and exploring current issues





I protect my Fridays to attend these meetings - its good to end the working week feeling energised by this group.

The lively discussion and the passion of its members really is motivational and acts as a call to action.

The best decision – to join the Friday calls – that I’ve ever made ! just love what it does.

Broadens my perspective and therefore makes me a better leader.

Advocacy is always more effective when we speak together and with the same voice.

Which of these best describes the capacity in which you connect, or would connect, with the Network ?

● Creative Practitioner	51
● Organisation representative	48
● Other	19



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