The British Council presents an online event aimed at culture professionals in the UK and Southeast Asia from 22-25 November: Partner South East Asia: Arts and Culture Matters

Partner South East Asia is a series of online forums presented by the British Council that aims to provide participants with a better understanding and knowledge of the arts and culture ecosystems of Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, The Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. The event will also provide the opportunity to make new connections between South East Asian and UK arts and culture stakeholders.

The arts and culture sector in South East Asia is rich and diverse. The region is home to a fast-growing population that is young and digitally savvy. The median age is 30 and the digital economy in South East Asia has expanded threefold between 2015-2019 and represents 7 percent of the regions US$2.8 trillion GDP. This presents tremendous opportunities for collaboration in the arts and creative industries in terms of influencing policy, international market development and knowledge exchange.

- This is the first virtual event of its kind between the UK and South East Asia. It is unique as it is not just a series of talks but an important platform for you to meet international collaborators and partners.
- You can expect dynamic discussions, artistic showcasing and networking events with some of the world’s leading thinkers, artists and creative entrepreneurs.
- You will gain new insights, top trends and opportunities for new work in the arts, culture and creative economy sector.
- It’s free (but with limited slots)! So register today.

The four-day online event will be in English with live captioning in the South East Asian languages and will include the following sessions:
Opening session including a keynote speech on the potential of South East Asia’s creative economy followed by an artist panel discussion (75 mins)
Six dedicated country briefing sessions (90 mins each)
Three thematic sessions covering the creative economy, arts and inclusion and climate change and cultural rights (60 mins each)
Dedicated networking functions to meet counterparts for future collaborations (ongoing during the event)
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