

Events & Opportunities

Event / Programme	Date	Location	Summary	More Information
Sonica Festival	24 Sept to 1 Oct 2026	Glasgow	International festival of immersive arts, audiovisual experiences and experimental music.	Sonica Festival
Belfast International Arts Festival	14 Oct to 8 Nov 2026	Belfast	International arts festival including immersive experiences and installations.	Belfast International Arts Festival
Kent Hub Launch / XR Sunday Social	18 Oct 2026, 2pm	Kent	Launch of the Kent Regional Hub with panel discussions and networking.	AE Lab
XR Hub Scotland Meetup	22 Oct 2026	Glasgow	Networking event launching Scotland's immersive technology ecosystem.	University of Glasgow XR Hub Scotland
Belfast XR Festival	2 to 4 Nov 2026	Belfast & Derry	Major immersive arts festival featuring XR, spatial audio and interactive storytelling.	Belfast XR Festival
Escape the Internet	2 to 4 Nov 2026	Belfast & Derry	Large-scale immersive multiplayer experience	Belfast XR Festival

			by Lucas Rizzotto, presented through Belfast XR Festival.	
Immersive Tech Network Regional Hub Showcase	30 Nov 2026	Online	Showcase event highlighting activity, partnerships and opportunities across the UK immersive ecosystem.	Innovate UK Immersive Tech Network website registration will go live soon. Join our mailing list for updates.
CoSTAR AI for Creativity Call	Nov 2026	UK-wide	Grant funding programme supporting creative use of AI workflows.	https://www.costarnetwork.co.uk/ai-for-creativity
Future Audiences	Nov 2026	Belfast	Industry event exploring how immersive technology can shape future audiences.	Belfast XR Festival / Digital Catapult NI
Royal Armouries Heritage & Immersive Networking Event	Early Dec 2026 (TBC)	Leeds	Networking event connecting museums, heritage organisations, technology suppliers and creatives.	Royal Armouries
Rendr Festival	Date TBC 2027	Belfast	Creativity and technology festival covering immersive tech, gaming,	https://www.rendrfestival.com

			film and animation.	
Rendr B2B (invite only)	25 Feb 2027	Belfast	Business-focused event connecting creators with investors, commissioners and collaborators.	Contact michael@rendrfestival.com
CoSTAR Live Lab Access Events	Ongoing	Production Park, Wakefield	Open access sessions, demonstrations, networking and facility tours.	https://www.costarnetwork.co.uk/labs/live-lab
Electric Medway	Various	Kent	Calendar of digital art, immersive experiences, AI, sound and projection-based work.	Electric Medway

Additional Useful Websites & Organisations

Organisation	Summary	Website
Production Park	Creative industries campus and home to CoSTAR Live Lab.	Production Park
Centre for Immersive Technologies	Leeds-based immersive research and ecosystem development organisation.	https://www.leeds.ac.uk/centre-immersive-technologies
IBC Accelerator	International innovation accelerator for media and entertainment technology.	https://show.ibc.org/2026-accelerator-media-innovation-programme
Institute of Cultural & Creative Industries (ICCI)	University of Kent initiative driving creative technology and innovation.	https://www.kent.ac.uk/institute-cultural-creative-industries

Screen South	Supports immersive arts, film, XR and creative technology talent.	Screen South
Digital Catapult	Innovation organisation supporting emerging technologies and immersive experiences.	https://www.digicatapult.org.uk
Studio Ulster	Advanced virtual production and immersive content facility.	Studio Ulster