

CURIOUS FESTIVAL

Call out: Female Programmer 2018

Curious Festival 2018 Female Programmer opportunity in partnership with BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, supported by Arts Council England.

Opportunity: Curious Arts is seeking submissions from Programmers, Producers and Artistic Curators who identify as female from and/or working in the North East of England, to work alongside the Curious Arts team to programme BALTIC is Curious – Curious Festival 2018's closing day programme on Sunday 8th July. BALTIC is Curious 2018's programme will champion queer female artists. Closing with BALTIC Live is Curious, an evening culminating in a performance of SLAP AND TICKLE by Liz Aggiss.

Working with a budget of approximately £625, the successful programmer will be responsible for programming the work of queer female artists across the venue throughout Sunday 8th July. Spaces available within the BALTIC include: Level 1 lobby, The Cube, Cinema and Ground floor foyer. The multiple spaces allow for a varied programme which could include film, talks, pop-up exhibitions and Queering the Space activity, to be curated by the successful programmer.

Proposals: Curious Arts understands that audiences for queer work are dynamic and developing and is keen to both support and partner with emerging and existing Artists, Programmers, Producers and Curators. We embrace a wide range of work from mainstream with a traditional appeal to the innovative and experimental. However, **we ask that proposals submitted for consideration fulfil one or more of the following criteria:**

1. Explores lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ+) themes.
2. Is of interest to an LGBTQ+ audience.
3. Is created or presented by LGBTQ+ artists.

As part of Curious Festival 2018's development, we would be particularly interested to hear about work by queer artists of colour, work that is female led and work made for/with families and children/young people.

We welcome proposals that detail your work/experience, the artists/activity you would programme and why you feel Curious Festival is an appropriate platform for their work. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview/discuss their proposal. The role will require liaising with artists, budget management, regular communication with the Curious Arts team and your attendance at Sunday 8th July's BALTIC is Curious event. During the programming period and event, Curious Arts will provide administrative support.

Fee: £600 – This fee covers 2 days of programming administration and 1 day of delivery on Sunday 8th July.
Project Budget: Approx. £625 – This covers Artist(s)/exhibition/activity fees and travel.

Submissions: Submit a proposal including budget (max. 2 sides of A4) by email to: festivalcurious@gmail.com. Please use 'CA F Programmer 2018' followed by your proposal title in the subject line.

Deadline for Submissions: Midnight **Thursday 3rd May 2018**. Interview/discussions afternoon/evening **Tuesday 8th May**.

About Curious Arts: Curious Arts is a Newcastle Gateshead based not-for-profit organisation developing LGBTQ arts, artists and audiences across the North East of England. Our work celebrates and explores Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Culture through the arts. We work in partnership with arts, culture and community organisations and every year in July we produce and present Curious Festival - an annual celebration of LGBTQ culture across the North East. Increasing visibility, dialogue and understanding of the LGBTQ community. For further information, please contact: festivalcurious@gmail.com.



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