

# LEARNING & PARTICIPATION ARTISTS CALLOUT PACK

The Learning & Participation team at Stratford East would like to meet experienced and passionate theatre artists, who would be interested in delivering across our programme of work.

These freelancers will be part of a group that we will call on to work across Learning and Participation at Stratford East, please note we are not offering specific facilitation roles with us at this point.

## Learning and Participation at Stratford East

Learning and Participation is at the heart of Stratford East. We offer a range of free creative programmes throughout the year for everyone. We work with young people, Newham schools, and our local community, opening the world of theatre and offering pathways into the industry.

We engage with over 10,000 people a year, giving out free tickets and offering opportunities for people to get involved in a variety of ways, from acting and theatre-making programmes to backstage courses and community events.

Learning and Participation at Stratford East is made-up of four key strands:

- Newham Young People (ages 11 –19)
- Talent Development (ages 18 – 25)
- Newham Neighbours (our community groups and residents programme)
- Schools programme for secondary schools

## Who Are We Looking For?

We are interested in meeting artists who would be excited about delivering work across our programme. Whether you have experience working with young people, community groups, or schools - we want to hear from you.

We're particularly keen to hear from artists based in East London (Newham, Hackney, Waltham Forest, Tower Hamlets, Greenwich, Redbridge, Barking & Dagenham and Havering) as well as those whose backgrounds reflect the diverse communities we work with across our programmes and borough. We strongly encourage applications from individuals from the global majority, as well as those who are deaf or disabled, neurodivergent or from working-class backgrounds.

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We're interested in hearing from those with facilitation and/or directing experience and creative access support experience. If you feel you bring another skill that would support the delivery of our programme, please get in touch!

Based on the expectations of our programmes and the nature of the work being delivered, we are currently looking for artists who meet the following criteria:

- Minimum 3 years' experience of designing, planning and facilitating participatory programmes/workshops with non-professional groups – eg. young people, schools, or community groups
- Experience of working with people who have little to no theatre experience.
- Experience directing small scale sharings and performances
- Enthusiastic about working with young people, community groups, and/or schools

## Recruitment Process

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We will be hosting an informal group event for invited artists to meet with the L&P team on Tuesday 19 May. The event will involve some group activities and questions to explore your interest in working in learning and participation settings. We will share the questions that will be asked in advance.

A second round of interviews will be held on Tuesday, 26 May in the evening, asking attendees to run a short 10-minute exercise and share a workshop plan. Details of this will be shared ahead of the event.

We're aiming to diversify the people we work with, and our ambition is to create an accessible way to meet the team and get to know artists we haven't worked with before. If there is an alternative method of application, that will allow us to see you at your best, please get in touch, We're happy to discuss options on [getinvolved@stratfordeast.com](mailto:getinvolved@stratfordeast.com).

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## How To Apply

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Please fill out an [application form](#) to express your interest in joining us as a Learning & Participation Artist at Stratford East.

In the form you will be asked to share why you are interested in working with us and what experience and skills you feel you would bring to the programme.

We will ask you to upload a CV, please share this in whatever format suits you best.

## Important Information

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The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 13 May, 12pm**

Stratford East reserves the right to close applications early should we reach a maximum level of interest.

Our first round of workshop interviews will be held on Tuesday 19 May, 6pm-7:15pm

The second round of workshop interviews will be held on Tuesday 26 May, 6pm-8pm

You will receive confirmation of next steps by Thursday 14 May via an email from [getinvolved@stratfordeast.com](mailto:getinvolved@stratfordeast.com).

If you have any questions, please reach out to Bethan on [getinvolved@stratfordeast.com](mailto:getinvolved@stratfordeast.com) with the subject line 'Learning & Participation Artists Callout'.