

# CURIOS FESTIVAL

## Call out: Curious Festival Commission 2018/19

Curious Arts Commission 2018/19 in partnership with Northern Stage, supported by Arts Council England.

**Opportunity:** Curious Arts is seeking submissions from Artists, Producers and Promoters from and/or working in the North East of England to develop an existing or create a new Queer art/theatre work. The work will be supported to develop a small scale tour of sharings and showcases in 2019 across the North East, with a performance in Curious Festival 2019. We are keen to hear about any current works in progress, no matter what stage of development they are in. Curious Arts will provide ongoing support of the commissioned piece and advice to the commissioned artist/company for seeking any additional funding for the project.

**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 and Companies. We embrace a wide range of work from mainstream with a traditional appeal to the innovative and experimental. However, **we ask that work submitted for consideration fulfils 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 from queer artists of colour, work that is female led and work made for/with families and children/young people.

**Commission:** 1 commission of £1000, up to 1.5 weeks of studio space in the North East and 2.5 days of Producer support from Curious Arts and Northern Stage.

The final work produced must be a full length performance of at least 40 minutes or equivalent interventions/short works of at least 20-30 minutes in duration. The commission will cover Artist fees with a contribution to production costs and the final programme will be selected by Curious Arts in consultation with partners and producers at host venues.

During the work's development and beyond, such as scratch performances, the commissioned company or artists will present the work as either a fully realized production with support from Curious Arts and Northern Stage or a co-production/co-commission with other producers and/or partners. In addition to this we will support artists with individual Arts Council England grant applications and other funding bodies. In future touring activity box office splits may be offered with support to cover travel and accommodation.

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

**Deadline for Submissions:** Midnight **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018**. Interviews/discussions w/c **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August**. We invite interested applicants to attend the Curious Festival Queer Creative Challenge Day at Northern Stage on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June**.

**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](mailto:festivalcurious@gmail.com).



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