

CURIQUS FESTIVAL

Call out: 'Queer Itch' bursaries 2018

Curious Arts 'Queer Itch' bursaries 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 present their work at Curious Festival 2018's Scratch night on Friday 6th July at Alphabetti Theatre. We are keen to hear about any ideas and current works in progress, no matter what stage of development they are in.

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.

The work presented must be a performance, cabaret or live performance art piece from 10 to 20 minutes in duration. The final programme will be selected by Curious Arts in consultation with partners and producers at host venues. During the work's development and the event, the selected Artists/Companies will promote their work as supported by Curious Arts and Northern Stage.

We welcome proposals from Artists/Companies that detail your work/experience, the work you would like to propose and why you feel Curious Festival is an appropriate platform for your work. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview/discuss their proposal.

Bursaries: There are 4 'Queer Itch' bursaries available of **£250** each to perform at the Scratch Night event on 6th July. Successful applicants will be required to attend the Curious Festival Queer Creative Challenge Day at Northern Stage on **Saturday 9th June**.

Submissions: Submit a proposal (max. 1 side of A4) by email to: festivalcurious@gmail.com. Please use 'CA Queer Itch Bursary 2018' followed by your proposal title in the subject line.

Deadline for Submissions: Midnight **Monday 7th May 2018**. Interviews/discussions w/c **Monday 28th 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.

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