

CURIOUS FESTIVAL

Call out: Queering the Space

Curious Festival 2018 Queering the Space opportunity, supported by Arts Council England.

Opportunity: Curious Arts is seeking submissions from Artists and Creatives to create queer interventions in and around Curious Festival 2018's sites and venues from 1st – 8th July 2018. We want to hear your ideas for pop up activity that engages with Curious Festival's audience and support you to Queer the Space.

Curious Festival is proud to be hosted in 2018 by: Alphabetti Theatre, ARC Stockton Arts Centre, BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Breeze Creatives Bamburgh House, Curious Festival Hub (8-9 Central Arcade, Newcastle), Dance City, Live Theatre, Middlesbrough Theatre, Northern Stage and Seven Stories. These sites and venues offer a variety of spaces from atriums, corridors, bars and social spaces to host pre-festival event activity, enhancing our audience's experience of venues from the second they enter.

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

We welcome proposals from Artists/Creatives that details your work/experience, your activity idea (with consideration of an appropriate space) and why you feel it should feature as part of Curious Festival 2018's Queering the Space activity. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview/discuss their proposal.

Pop up activity across art forms will be considered and we encourage activity that is low tech and repeatable. The final Queering the Space programme will be selected by Curious Arts in consultation with partners and producers at host venues.

Fee: Up to **£150** available per activity.

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

Deadline for submissions: Midnight **Monday 7th May 2018**. Interview/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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