

Horizons Festival

Theatre Commission

Deadline to apply: Fri 12 Jan 2024 (12pm Midday)

Date of show: Fri 21 June 2024

Commission: £1000 each (There are two commissions available, £1000 each.)

Art Form: Theatre, Storytelling, Multi art form Theatre.

Eligibility:

- You must be a resident in Greater Manchester
- You must have lived experience of displacement or seeking sanctuary
- You must have the Right to Work in the UK
- This commission is intended for somebody who has experience of making theatre and is looking to develop their creative practice for Manchester audiences.
- This commission is available to individuals or small groups of no more than 2 performers.
- You must be aged 18+

How to apply:

Please submit **an idea** (in english) by email using the header: **Theatre Commission**.

You can submit either:

- A short video explaining your idea (no more than 2 minutes)
- A short description of your idea (no more than 500 words)

You should also include a sentence or two about yourself.

You may also include:

- Information or images of your previous work
- A link to your work on social media or website

Please submit your application to: horizons@homemcr.org

All ideas will be considered by a panel from HOME and CAN. All applicants will be notified of the status of their application by Feb 2024. Unfortunately, we cannot provide feedback to all applicants.

If you have any questions or access requirements related to this application please

email: horizons@homemcr.org or call/text 07890061510.

About Horizons Festival:

Horizons Festival celebrates the enduring power of creativity by international artists who have made Manchester their home through migration. HOME and Community Arts North West present a provocative and stimulating programme of film, theatre, music, visual art alongside workshops and discussion. Horizons 2024 will take place on **Friday 21 June until Sunday 23 June.**

Horizons Festival aims to:

- To share a wide range of international voices and global issues, through an artistic programme that is accessible to people on different incomes or none
- To question some of the negative ideas about refugees, asylum seekers and migrants that we hear in the press
- To highlight issues that affect refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, and to encourage action

Horizons Festival Values: *kindness, honesty, justice, equality, and respect.*

Horizons Festival Theme:

The theme for Horizons festival this year is **Our Planet, Our Home** which is an expansion of the National Refugee Week 2024 theme of [Our Home](#). This theme was chosen and created through an open consultation with artists in Manchester who create work relevant to Horizons festival.

Our Planet, Our Home is a way of expressing that no matter what country we come from, we are all citizens of planet Earth - removing the idea of borders and emphasising connection, whilst also holding the importance of nature and climate justice.

About the Theatre Commission:

Your short theatre piece must fit the values of the festival and will be shown as a work-in-progress piece at an informal sharing in Theatre 2 at HOME during Horizons Festival and National Refugee Week.

We are interested in commissions that fit with this year's festival theme **Our Planet, Our Home** in your pitch for the commission. We encourage artists to use our explanation of the theme as a guideline and welcome you to interpret it as you wish.

There are **two commissions available**, each commission will receive the following package of support:

- £1000 of funding (£500 in Feb, £500 in June)
- 4 days free space in April at HOME which includes:
 - 1 x Day of Dramaturgical Support from HOME's Creative Practitioner; Theatre
 - 1 X Day of Dramaturgical Support from a professional Dramaturg
 - 2 Days Independent Research & Development
- 1 x Rehearsal and Tech Half-Day in the Theatre on **Thursday 20 June**
- Performance in HOME's Studio Space T2 on the **Friday 21 June**
- Support with next steps

Dates booked for each group to develop their piece at HOME:

Commission 1 Dates

Mon 1 April 10 - 6pm

Wed 3 April 10am - 6pm

Wed 10 April 10 - 6pm

Mon 15 April 5 - 8:30pm

Commission 2 Dates

Fri 5 Apr 10 - 6pm

Mon 8 Apr 10 - 6pm

Fri 12th Apr 10 - 6pm

Wed 17 Apr 5 - 8:30pm

All ideas should be your own. We encourage and are open to creative approaches to including languages, but we expect the shared language amongst Horizons Audiences will be mostly English.

Tech available for the sharing of your work in progress:

- Theatre 2 space
- Set lighting state
- 2 x mics
- A technician
- A technical run
- A stage manager
- Publicity for the sharing