**DEVELOPED WITH THE LOWRY**

**CALLOUT FOR PERFORMANCE AND VISUAL ARTISTS TO JOIN OUR 2022-2024 PROGRAMME**

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MONDAY 8TH AUGUST 2022, 11AM.**

The Lowry is delighted to launch a callout for independent artists or companies based in the North of England (North West, Yorkshire and North East) to join our 2022-24 Developed With programme, which will take place over a 12-18month period from October 2022.

**ABOUT DEVELOPED WITH THE LOWRY**

Developed With is our flagship artist development programme, offering a bespoke package of support for independent artists and companies who are committed to creating ambitious, high-quality work and developing their practice as artists and cultural leaders. We are excited to work with artists who are interested in exploring bold and dynamic new ideas and approaches, building relationships, engaging with audiences, celebrating creativity and innovation and championing diversity and representation within their work and the wider arts sector.

Since 2009, 46 productions have been commissioned as part of our Developed With programme, including BAFTA award-winning comic Sophie Willan’s first stand-up hour 'On Record', Theatre Ad Infinitum’s ‘Ballad of the Burning Star’ (a blistering drag cabaret journey into the core of a conflicted Jewish state), Igor & Moreno’s immersive production ‘Andante’, and more recently Thick & Tight’s 10th anniversary show ‘Short & Sweet’ and ‘Snatched’ by Melissa Johns and Lily Levin.

For more information about:

* **Current Developed With Artists**, click [here](https://thelowry.com/about-us/artist-development/developed-with/)
* **The Lowry**, click [here](https://thelowry.com/about-us/)
* The Lowry’s **Artist Development Programme**, click [here](https://thelowry.com/about-us/artist-development/)
* The Lowry’s **Gallery Programme**, click [here](https://thelowry.com/exhibitions)

**Developed With The Lowry 2022-24 Callout**

We would now like to invite a new cohort of artists to join our Developed With programme, who will spend 12-18 months with us creating and presenting a new production or exhibition and developing their practice. We are looking for early to mid-career artists who are establishing their practice and creative identity, and looking for time, space and support to now take a significant step forward in their work. We envisage that interested artists or companies will have made at least 2-3 professional works that have been shown publicly and have the capacity to invest time and energy in this development opportunity.

We will look to invite 6 artists or companies to join the programme from October 2022, with 5 opportunities offered to performance-based artists and 1 opportunity offered to a visual or media-based artist. Developed With has previously focused on supporting artists who have a theatre, dance, circus or other live performance practice, and for the first time we are delighted to offer one of our Developed With opportunities to a visual or media-based artist who will work closely with our Galleries team to develop a new exhibition that will open at The Lowry as part of our EDITS programme in Autumn 2023.

**Each Developed With opportunity will include:**

* A commission fee of £5000 towards the development of a new production or exhibition
* £1000 towards professional development activity
* Space at The Lowry to research, develop and make work
* A performance or exhibition platform at The Lowry
* Producer support and mentoring from Lowry staff
* An online programme of tailored professional development sessions to support and develop artistic practice and cultural leadership and thinking around Arts Council’s Let’s Create strategy
* Access to other professional development opportunities as part of our wider Artist Development programmes
* Support with marketing, audience development, profile raising and advocacy

**DEVELOPED WITH THE LOWRY CRITERIA**

**We welcome applications from:**

* Independent artists, collectives and companies who have a performance, visual or media-based practice. Eligible artistic disciplines include (but are not limited to) theatre, dance, ground-based circus, cabaret, drag, comedy, spoken word, live / performance art, outdoor arts, musical theatre, interdisciplinary performance and fine art, photography, illustration, sculpture, graphic design, installation, textiles, media or film-based work. Please note we are not looking for applications from artists who are solely playwrights or musicians at this time.
* Artists and companies who make ambitious and original work across all genres and for all ages,
* Artists and companies who consider themselves to be early to mid-career and have created and publicly shown 2-3 professional works.
* Artists and companies who are based in the North of England (North West, Yorkshire, North East).
* Artists and companies who have a clear idea for a production or exhibition that they would like to develop as part of our Developed With programme. We are also interested to hear thoughts on areas of professional development that applicants would like to explore as part of this opportunity.
* Artists and companies who would like to make work for our Aldridge Studio (140 seats), Gallery spaces or outdoor spaces.
* We will not accept applications from artists or companies who have previously been part of our Developed With The Lowry programme.

The Lowry is committed to encouraging diversity and intersectionality in the arts and we actively encourage proposals from artists from under-represented communities, including people who experience racism, identify as working class, disabled, Deaf or neurodivergent, are from the LGBTQ+ community, are care experienced or are discriminated against. We encourage you to apply for this opportunity no matter what your age, caring responsibilities, disability, gender, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

The application process will be in two stages.

**Stage One – Expression of Interest**

Please submit an expression of interest via our online form or you can answer the questions via audio / video submission. Please include links and any passwords to your audio or video files on the application form. A Word document version of the Stage One Expression of Interest form can be found at the end of this document, and this can be used to draft answers to the questions before applying online.

Expressions of interest will be read and shortlisted by a panel from The Lowry’s Artist Development and Gallery teams, and a small pool of our current Developed With and Associate Artists. We anticipate receiving a high volume of applications for this opportunity, and we will not be able to offer individual feedback on stage one applications.

* **Deadline for Stage One expressions of Interest: 11am, Monday 8th August 2022.**
* **Shortlisted applicants will be notified by Friday 12th August 2022.**

**Stage Two - Shortlisted applicants will be asked to submit further information to support their application and attend an interview**

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit further information to support their application (including a budget breakdown) and will also be invited to attend a short interview with members of the selection panel. Shortlisted applicants will receive £50.00 to develop their application further and attend an interview.

* **Deadline for shortlisted artists to submit Stage Two proposals: Monday 5th Sept, 5pm**
* **Zoom interviews for shortlisted artists will take place from Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th September**

Successful applicants will be notified on **Monday 19th September** and invited to attend a Developed With Welcome Day in-person at The Lowry on **Wednesday 5th October 2022**.

All applications that progress to Stage Two will receive feedback collated from the selection panel discussions.

If you have any queries, please get in touch with us at artistdevelopment@thelowry.com. We can answer queries about the application process and Developed With programme, but cannot read draft applications or view supporting material in advance.

**We will also be hosting a Developed With Q&A Webinar on Wednesday 20th July, 12pm – 1pm**. Interested applicants will have the opportunity to hear from previous Developed With artists about their experiences of the programme and to ask any questions.

If you require BSL interpretation, please let us know by Friday 15 July.

Please register to attend the webinar via this [link](https://vimeo.com/webinars/events/2dad593d-5197-45aa-b990-f34ef37f0c00).

**Selection Process and Criteria**

All applications will be reviewed by our selection panel including both independent artists and industry professionals who work at The Lowry. Applications will be considered following these criteria:

* Application form completed
* Your proposed artistic idea is reflects the aims and objectives of our Developed With The Lowry programme
* Evidence of your commitment to making work and developing your artistic practice

**KEY DATES:**

* Developed With Q&A Webinar: Weds 20th July, 12pm – 1pm
* Deadline for Stage One – Expression of Interest: Mon 8th August, 11am
* Shortlisted applicants for Stage Two notified: Fri 12th August
* Deadline for Stage Two Shortlisted Applicant proposals: Mon 5th Sept, 5pm
* Stage Two Shortlisted Applicants Interviews: Wed 14th – Fri 16th September
* Shortlisted applicants notified of final decisions: Mon 19th September
* Welcome Day for new Developed With The Lowry 2022-24 Cohort: Wed 5th Oct

**HOW TO APPLY**

To apply and submit your **Expression of Interest,** click [here](https://forms.gle/FvKT1HzhDGMTbJHc6).

To complete your Expression of Interest application, please fill in the **Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form**, click [here](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DWEqualOpps).

Scroll down for the **Expression of Interest Form**. This can be used to draft answers to the questions before applying online, or for audio or video applications.

**DEVELOPED WITH THE LOWRY 2022-2024 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

**SECTION A: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. Full Name -

2. Pronouns -

3. Address including postcode -

4. Confirm based in North of England – North West or Yorkshire or North East

5. Phone number -

6. Email -

7. Confirm over 18yrs old – yes or no

8. Do you have any access requirements that you would like to make us aware of? –

9. If your application is shortlisted, please confirm that you are available to attend a Stage Two interview over Zoom between 14 to 16 September 2022. – yes or no

10. If you are offered one of our Developed With The Lowry opportunities, please confirm that you can attend the Developed With Welcome Day in person at The Lowry on 5th October 2022? – yes or no

**SECTION B: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

In this section, we would like you to answer six questions and we have allowed up to 300 words for Question 2 and up to 200 words for Questions 3-6.

If you are answering these questions via video or voice application, please take up to 90 seconds per question (if there is a reason you need to talk more slowly or need more time for access reasons simply let us know in your application).

1.1. Which Developed With The Lowry opportunity would you like to apply for:

If you would like to apply for both opportunities, please submit separate applications.

Performance – Yes or No

Visual Arts – Yes or No

1.2 Please state art form

2. Tell us about the work you make. Please reference any key works and achievements (up to 300 words)

3. Please describe the project you would like to create. What form might this take? (up to 200 words)

4. What areas of professional development would you like to explore as part of Developed With? (up to 200 words)

5. How will this opportunity contribute to your longer-term career plans? ​(up to 200 words)

6. Why is Developed With the right programme for you at this time? (up to 200 words)

Supporting Information

Please also include the following with your application:

* a link to your website or social media platform
* up to 3 weblinks of previous work to help us understand your practice
* and/or up to 5 images of your previous work to help us understand your practice

**SECTION C: EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES MONITORING FORM**

Please complete the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form, which we will keep separate from your application. Please complete the form on this link: [surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DWEqualOpps](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DWEqualOpps)

Have you completed the Equal Opportunities Form? – yes or no