



NessFest 2020 Youth Arts Festival Artist and Workshop Facilitators Brief

We are looking for highly skilled artists and creative practitioners based in and around Lowestoft to be part of this year's NessFest Youth Arts Festival; to lead and run virtual workshops and/or virtual performances, demonstrations and Q&A sessions.

What is NessFest?

NessFest is a free one-day Youth Arts Festival which takes place in October half term exclusively for young people who live in and around Lowestoft. Previously the festival has taken place in and around Lowestoft Library, and consisted of a selection of free workshops, drop in activities, games and a silent disco in the evening. However this year the festival will run virtually, with free online workshops, virtual tours and performances all taking place 'live' via the Lowestoft Rising website and youtube channel. This will happen on the **27th October 2020**, with live workshops running from midday, and other content released periodically from midday into the early evening.

About NessFest

NessFest is organised through the Lowestoft Cultural Education Partnership with Lowestoft Rising, and is developed and managed by a group of young people from Lowestoft called the NessFest Youth Group. This group is voluntary and meets weekly at Lowestoft Library to plan and make decisions about the festival. However, due to lockdown, the young people continue to make decisions and plan the festival virtually using digital platforms.

The NessFest Youth Group are looking for these types of sessions to make up the festival:

- Workshops: interactive live workshops via zoom where young people can try out different techniques and activities from their own homes.
- Demonstrations: Artists to demonstrate their work, their techniques and talk about their inspirations and opinions, with a possible interactive Q&A element (live or pre-recorded)
- Performances: Pre-recorded or live short performances.
- Interactive performances: such as DJ performances where young people could join in with suggestions or via an appropriate DJ simulation phone app.

The NessFest Youth Group are looking for these kinds of facilitators and artists:

- Great workshop facilitators that young people can relate to with a good sense of fun, enthusiasm, patience and the ability to get everyone involved.
- Great communicators who can share their expertise in practical, engaging and alternative ways, and can differentiate for different ages, levels of experience and abilities.
- Experience of running workshops online and/or creating pre-recorded content for young people and/or virtual festivals.
- Skilled and experienced artist practitioners who want to inspire and share their work with young people.
- Artists from different disciplines who can introduce young people to new art forms.

How to apply:

The NessFest Youth Group are keen to hear ideas from different artists about how they might contribute to a virtual NessFest and engage young people with the arts, in light of the above. For example, an artist could run a zoom workshop, with a pre-recorded demonstration of their work (aimed at young people) to be available on the website throughout the day, as well as an interactive



Q&A session at some point. Alternatively, an artist could just contribute with a pre-recorded performance.

Please send a brief summary of your plans and ideas, addressed to the NessFest Youth Group. Please include details of things like what your contribution would consist of and for how long, what materials might the young people will need access to, your costs, and any relevant experience. Please include images/videos as appropriate.

Deadline for applications is midnight on 13th September 2020.

Please email your application to meg.barclay@norfolk.gov.uk

