

Leap Then Look – Call out for associate artists Play Interact Explore

Deadline: 5pm, Wednesday 13th July

Leap Then Look invite early career artists who have an interest in collaborative and participatory art practice to apply to be an associate artist as part of *Play Interact Explore*.

Play Interact Explore is a 9-month project which will culminate in an exhibition and series of events at Towner Eastbourne in February 2023.

For the exhibition, interactive artworks will be developed through creative and collaborative workshops with 4 community groups in Eastbourne and Brighton:

- young people with severe and complex educational needs
- children in foster care in Brighton and Hove
- adults with mental health challenges who attend art sessions which nurture positive mental health
- junior school children in Eastbourne

Through this process the exhibition aims to offer opportunities for a wide range of people to explore, engage in and co-create high quality participatory art.

Associate artists:

Alongside the workshops and exhibition there will be a programme of training and creative development for 4 associate artists, with whom Leap Then Look will share their working methods and practices.

The associate artists will be offered 2 workshop training days with Leap Then Look, the opportunity to explore the interactive exhibition at Towner Eastbourne, activating the space for audiences, and be supported to run workshops with two different groups within the Towner exhibition.

4 associate artists will be invited to take part in a creative training programme consisting of:

- Hands on experience facilitating a workshop with Leap Then Look
- 2 workshop training sessions with Leap Then Look
- The option to come along to a test day for the interactive exhibition
- Support delivering 2x community workshops as part of the exhibition at Towner

- The opportunity to spend 4 days at the Towner Eastbourne exhibition to use the installation as a space for creative exchange responding to and activating the exhibition (to be decided through discussion and according to each associate artist's needs and availability).

Time commitment:

- 1 day in September/October (date tbc) hands on training during initial workshops
- 1 day in November 2022 for a day of training with Leap Then Look (date tbc)
- 5 days in February 2023 (including 1 day CPD and 4 days activating exhibition/creating work) (dates tbc)
- Feb/March evaluation questionnaire/meeting (max 1 hour)

Total contact days: 7

Applicants:

Leap Then Look are committed to promoting a diverse and inclusive workplace where everyone can be themselves and succeed on merit. We strive to ensure that opportunities to work and develop with our organisation are open to all. We treat all applicants to our opportunities equally, regardless of age, disability, gender identity or gender expression, race, ethnicity, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation or any other equality characteristic. We particularly encourage applications from individuals who have experienced barriers in the art world due to a protected characteristic/s outlined above and/or barriers arising from class and socio-economic status. We are also interested to hear from people who have lived experience relevant to the communities who will be participating in the project.

Each associate artist will receive:

- A fee of £900
- DBS checks arranged by Towner Eastbourne

Selection criteria (please read before applying):

We are looking for candidates whose art practice we feel intersects in meaningful, challenging and thought-provoking ways with our own.

The applicant will:

- Be a practicing artist (for the past 2-6 years)

- Work across artistic disciplines, and be engaged in contemporary art theory and practice in experimental and thoughtful ways
- Have a desire to work with/collaborate with other people to inform their own practice, or whose practice already involves working with other people or collaborating with others.
- Have an interest in running creative workshops with people from a range of backgrounds with a range of abilities
- Evidence of: self-guided practice and learning; in-depth knowledge of and engagement with interdisciplinary practice; and engagement in critical debate around contemporary art
- Demonstrate a desire to engage practically and thoughtfully with the work of Leap Then Look, and to identify ways in which our work and yours can connect, extend and inform one another in exciting ways.
- Able to travel to various locations in Eastbourne and Brighton.

The applicant need not:

- Have experience of facilitating creative workshops

How to Apply:

Please email the following to Project Manager Laura Mousavi-Zadeh at laura@leapthenlook.org.uk by **5pm, Wednesday 13th July**:

- **Documentation of your work:**

We encourage you to share your work with us in the way you feel will be most relevant. Please send any of the following:

- images of your work (max 6, as one pdf, 3mb max)
- video of your work (no longer than 5mins, 3mb max or accessible online)
- 6 website links/link to work online (if relevant)
- or a combination of the above.

We will only have 5 mins to review videos.

- **A written statement, video or sound recording in which you:**

- Tell us about your arts practice and professional experience.
- Tell us how you feel your work might interact in interesting and exciting ways with ours and what you find exciting about working together.
- Tell us why you think this opportunity would benefit you, your art practice and future work.

- If applicable, feel free to articulate how your own lived experience would be relevant in connecting with the communities engaging with this project.

Please note: anything written in answer to this question will not be brought up or discussed if you are invited for interview, unless you should choose to bring up the subject yourself.

500 words/5 minutes max if video/sound recording (3mb max or accessible online).

- **your CV** (no more than 1 page)
- **Confirmation that you will be able to commit to the project contact days** (7 in total between September 2022 and March 2023)

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Notification & interview:

We will contact all applicants by **Monday 18th July** to let them know if they have been shortlisted for interview.

We will be conducting interviews over zoom on **Wednesday 20th July** - in certain circumstances we can conduct interviews in-person, please contact us to discuss if you would prefer an in-person interview.

Due to capacity we will not be able to offer individual feedback on applications.

Access:

We want to ensure this opportunity is able to be accessed by people from all backgrounds and those who may normally experience barriers applying for opportunities. Please email project manager laura@leapthenlook.org.uk if you would like support with your application.

About Leap Then Look

Leap Then Look create art works, participatory projects, workshops and events for people of all ages and abilities. Our focus is on working together, inspiring playfulness, inquisitiveness and experimentation. We use exciting and unconventional approaches, including object making, performance, installation, film, and photography, enabling our participants to engage in multiple processes, creating their own work.

We are anti-racist and we will actively work to minimise bias in the application process and will follow the stated application criteria when assessing applications.

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