

Creative Central NCL and Pride in the City 2024

Four Research & Development Get Ready Grants

What	Who	How	Deadline
£2,500 commission fee plus support and mentoring	For artists and creatives who want to showcase their work or ideas during the Pride in the City campaign.	Your bio Link to previous work Your idea A brief budget outline	11:59pm on Sunday 12 May
Two available			
Applications go to: info@creativecentralncl.co.uk			
Questions go to: Vikki.leaney@newcastle.gov.uk			
Non-negotiable criteria			
<p>1. Your idea must include a performance opportunity or event/showcase to happen during Pride in the City in a venue in the Creative Central NCL footprint.</p> <p>Click here to see the boundary of Creative Central NCL within Newcastle City centre, please contact us if after seeing this map you still have questions.</p>			
<p>2. Your idea must consider and respond to the theme Unapologetically Visible, read on for more details.</p>			
<p>3. Your idea must fulfil at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Explores Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual + (LGBTQIA+) and/or gender themes. b. Is of interest to LGBTQIA+ communities. c. Is created or presented by LGBTQIA+ Artists. 			
<p>4. You must be available to showcase your work at Pride in the City between 8 and 21 July 2024.</p>			

Introduction

Creative Central NCL is partnering with Northern Pride and Curious Arts for Pride in the City 2024 to **fund two creative commissions** that include creative sector mentoring opportunities, and producer support for the commissioned creatives.

Pride in the City, under the theme **Unapologetically Visible**, takes over Newcastle City centre in a new format this year, celebrating the vibrant and beautiful queer community, the valuable impact they have on society and the richness of their talents, from makers and creators to performers and activists.

Pride in the City takes place across Newcastle City centre, including in the Creative Central NCL footprint.

Activities start on 8 July and culminate in the Pride Festival weekend of 19 – 21 July 2024.

You can find out more about [Pride in the City here](#).

What are we looking for?

We're looking for applications from creatives and artists who want to showcase their work during the Pride in the City campaign.

We'll support two commissions for you to create new work or develop, elevate and enhance existing ideas.

We will consider ideas for work in any art form, including, but not limited to:

- visual artwork
- performance such as dance, theatre, music and spoken word,
- installations and exhibitions,
- comedy,
- podcasts or digital media.

Your idea must include a performance opportunity or event/showcase to happen during Pride in the City (between 8 and 21 July) in a venue within the Creative Central NCL footprint.

Criteria

All ideas submitted must consider and respond to the theme

Unapologetically Visible:

What this means to you and how you express and explore it is subjective, and creative interpretations and responses are welcomed.

At Northern Pride, being Unapologetically Visible signifies our refusal to be silenced or diminish ourselves in any way. Being unapologetically you for the LGBTQIA+ community means becoming conscious of the pursuit of yourself, stripping back all the layers of who society taught you to be, and truly opening up to your true authentic self.

In the journey of becoming unapologetic, LGBTQIA+ people aren't becoming someone different, but they no longer feel the need to hide or be who other people want them to be, and it's about no longer holding back from fully expressing ourselves due to the fear of being judged.

Ideas submitted for consideration must fulfil at least one of the following criteria:

1. Explores Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual + (LGBTQIA+) and/or gender themes.
2. Is of interest to LGBTQIA+ communities.
3. Is created or presented by LGBTQIA+ Artists.

Creative Central NCL, Northern Pride and Curious Arts welcome applications from all sections of the community.

We're particularly keen to encourage applications from people who are often underrepresented in the creative sector, especially artists and creatives from the LGBTQIA+ community.

Support and Budget

Selected artists will receive the following support.

- A £2,500 commission fee
- A 75-minute session with a Curious Arts producer to support the development of your work/idea
- A 60-minute 1-2-1 session with a mentor who is matched to your idea/art form from Queer Arts North network (mentors will be matched to you)
- A meet-up and networking opportunity with the cohort of commissioned Artists and stakeholders
- Promotion within the Pride in the City print and digital programme
- Promotion across Northern Pride, Curious Arts and Creative Central NCL social platforms and associated comms activities (press releases, etc)
- In-kind venue support for your performance or event during the festival (and support to source in-kind or low-cost rehearsal space if required in the development of your work)

Applications

All applications should be received by 11:59pm on Sunday 12 May 2024.

Applications* should be equivalent to 1 side of A4 in total or a maximum 2 minute audio/video recording, and include:

- A brief artist bio
- Links to your previous work/portfolio
- A summary of your idea and how it responds to the theme Unapologetically Visible
- A summary of how the £2,500 commission fee would be spent to support your idea (this could be a simple table or separate excel spreadsheet)

We have tried to keep the application process for these opportunities as simple and flexible as possible, however if you require this information in a different format or have any specific access requirements please get in touch with Vix Leaney for a conversation. Vikki.Leaney@newcastle.gov.uk

How to submit your application

Send your application to info@creativecentralncl.co.uk

Please contact Vix Leaney with any questions Vikki.leaney@newcastle.gov.uk

Timeline

The deadline for all applications to be received is 11:59pm on Sunday 12 May

Sunday 12 May	Deadline for applications
Week of 13 May	Shortlisting
Week of 20 May	Applicants notified of outcome
8 – 21 July	All successful applicants must be available during Pride

If selected, you will be asked to provide:

- A copy of your Public Liability Insurance, you **do not** have to provide this as part of your application.
- Any risk assessments applicable to the sharing of your work, the Pride in the City team can support you with this.

About Northern Pride

Northern Pride are the North East's biggest LGBTQIA+ charity specialising in events based activity, awareness campaigns and the Northern Pride Festival.

Focused on keeping our promise to the community, to proudly promote Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender culture through public celebration of their heritage, engaging in education and cultural activities that enrich the community, whilst raising awareness of the issues people face regarding sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics whilst building mutual respect and working to end discrimination.

Find out more about our work at <https://www.northern-pride.com>

Via social media [@northernprideuk](#) on Facebook, X and Instagram.

About Curious Arts



Curious Arts is a North East based charity championing and developing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual + arts, artists and communities across the region and beyond. Curious Arts produces an ambitious year round programme of community focused, creative projects and events that celebrate and increase visibility of the North East's LGBTQIA+ culture. Working in partnership with cultural and community organisations across the region.

Our current projects include: award winning *Curious Festival*, pop-up family event *Mini Pride*, original outdoor theatre work *Wildflower*, Creative Youth Groups across the North East, Gallery and Museum takeovers, LGBTQIA+ arts network *Queer Arts North* and many more!

Our values are: Creativity, Inclusivity and Visibility.

Find out more about our work at www.curiousarts.org.uk

Via social media: Facebook **@teamcuriousarts**, X **@CuriousArts**, Instagram **@curious_arts**

Or through our 2017-2023 celebration report: <https://shorturl.at/mqJW3>

About Creative Central NCL

Creative Central NCL is a five-year project led by Newcastle City Council and funded by the North of Tyne Combined Authority. Now in its second year, it aims to support independent artists and creative businesses in central Newcastle with investment, grants, skills development, and opportunities for growth.

You can find out more about Creative Central NCL at <https://creativecentralncl.co.uk>

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