

Working together in partnership



## PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT FUNDING

We are delighted to announce that we have £10,000 to invest in the local arts sector through a Partnership Investment Scheme. We are looking to award 6 – 10 organisations/freelance practitioners funding of between £1,000 - £1,500 as leverage funding towards a larger grant application.

The aim of the fund is to maximise ambition, demonstrate excellence and increase impact. We will assess applications for their ability to deliver our strategic aims (see below.) Partnership working is key to WAP, so we expect your project will be delivered in partnership with at least one other partner. You will also need to demonstrate the role of each partner in your application and how they contribute to the project.

Your project must benefit people living in Worcestershire although you as the applicant, or your partners, don't have to be based in the County. This funding will be allocated to projects outside of Worcester City, because of the significant investment planned there already through the Cultural Development Fund.

We are looking for applications in the range of £1,000 to £1,500; this would allow for up to a 10% matched contribution to other funding applications in the region of £10k - £15k. Match funding needs to be new funding, not existing funding, and projects must be new projects or be significantly developed on from a previous project. We will not be able to fund existing or repeat projects.

Applications will be assessed by the Chair of WAP, the Arts Director of Severn Arts and at least one other member of the WAP Strategic Development Group.

If you are interested in applying for Partnership Investment Funding, we recommend you have a meeting or conversation with Elaine Knight, Arts Director before applying. To arrange a meeting or phone conversation contact Elaine on [e.knight@severnarts.org.uk](mailto:e.knight@severnarts.org.uk) or phone 07776 530554.

If you are not yet a member of WAP please sign up [here](#).

### Application Process

We want to help people with access needs to apply, so please do contact us to discuss what kind of support we can give. We will accept written or video applications.

To apply for Partnership Investment Funding please address each of the following requirements in your application.

- Your contact details including a short bio of your organisation or your CV if applying as a freelance practitioner
- A detailed proposal of your project – no more than 2 sides of A4 including the impact your project will have and the number of people who will benefit
- A detailed budget showing both cash and in-kind contributions
- The roles of the different partners and a little about each of them

- How this project is ambitious for you and how you will demonstrate excellence throughout the project
- Which of WAP's Artistic and Strategic Aims you will meet and how
- How you will share the learning from this project with WAP ie share a film about the project, talk at one of the networking events, write a report etc.
- An outline of timescales for securing additional funding and from who

Please send the above information to Elaine Knight – [e.knight@severnarts.org.uk](mailto:e.knight@severnarts.org.uk) by 9.00am on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019. Decisions will be made by 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

If you are successful, your match funding must be confirmed by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.



## **WAP's mission statement**

**To inspire, enable and empower artists and arts organisations to create an excellent, accessible, diverse and sustainable arts offer for Worcestershire**

WAP will achieve this mission through the following artistic practice aims:

- **Inspire creativity and raise artistic ambition**
  - *by supporting the development of excellent artistic projects which create a strong identity for the arts in Worcestershire*
- **Increase accessibility, diversity and inclusion in the arts**
  - *by supporting the development of excellent artistic projects which encourage new voices, challenge current practice and change perceptions*
- **Exploit digital technology within arts practice**
  - *by supporting the development of excellent artistic projects which incorporate cutting edge digital practice, enhancing engagement with the arts*
- **Evidence the impact of the arts**
  - *by supporting the development of excellent artistic projects which include research models and which thread robust evaluation into arts activity*

WAP will achieve this mission through the following strategic aims:

- **Raise the profile** of what is special about the arts in Worcestershire
  - *by celebrating success stories and by presenting a visible brand/image of the arts*
- **Advocate for the arts** locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
  - *by using our collective voice strategically to represent the sector*
- **Provide opportunities** for valuable networking and collaboration
  - *including sharing best practice and learning, and facilitating artists and arts organisations to innovatively work in partnership with the non-arts sector e.g.: third sector, business, education, health, public sector*
- **Develop a programme of CPD** for individual artists and arts organisations
  - *through provision of training in arts specific and generic business skills*
- **Create a sustainable infrastructure for the arts**
  - *by identifying opportunities to generate income and diversify investment into the arts*