



Headway
Arts

BEAUTIFUL DIFFERENCE: COMMISSIONS FOR EXCHANGE (C4X)



Headway Arts are..

...a pioneering multi award winning company of creatives including Neurodiverse and Disabled artists. A national centre for arts & inclusion offering people from all backgrounds the chance to contribute to the cultural life of their communities and to release their full creative potential. Co-founded in 1995 in Blyth, Northumberland, UK, by Frances Castle and Allie Walton-Robson, later joined by Paul Denton and a fantastic team including Associate Artists. Headway Arts are highly experienced co-creative producers making new, bold and original work, championing and creating opportunity for people who are underrepresented and supporting freelancers. The company is an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation.

What is C4X?

The Commissions 4 Exchange Laboratory ('C4X Lab' for short) will offer the chance for new visiting artists to collaborate with members of the company of neurodiverse and learning disabled creatives over a 4 day laboratory. In the lab artists will co-create an artwork or short performance with no prescribed subject. Headway Arts will provide access support, mentoring with Creative Director Allie Walton-Robson, studio/stage time, equipment, materials and a training bursary of £500.

Artists will be required to present work created at our event '**The Beautiful Difference Symposium 2024**' at Headway ArtSpace on 26th March 2024. There will be 30 people gathered at this event for an exhibition, exchange of ideas, conversation in a platform which provides the equity needed for neurodiverse and learning disabled creatives to develop and discuss their work.

Who can apply for C4X Laboratory?

Artists of any discipline who are open to increasing their knowledge and understanding of inclusive creative practice. It is particularly for suitable for emerging or early career artists who are open to growing their ideas and skill through collaboration. Headway Arts are particularly interested in working with people, from underrepresented groups who may be facing multiple barriers to the development of their artistic practice.

Dates

Deadline for Applications: 20th Feb 2024 5pm

Interviews: 26th/27th Feb 2024

The Labs: 11th - 14th March 2024
18th - 21st March 2024

9.30pm-3.30pm

Symposium: 26th March 2024

DBS checks by: 11th March. Headway Arts can help do these.

Applicants would need to make themselves available for all these dates & times.

How to apply?

Please apply by email to: hello@headwayarts.co.uk Subject: C4X Lab Application

1. Tell us about you and your work. Keep it short but sweet
2. Tell us why you are interested in Headway Arts and C4X Lab
3. Confirm you are free for an in-person interview and on all the dates listed
4. Attach a CV
5. Attach 2 examples of your work or include 2 links to video/website/social media site to show us your work. If your file is too large to email upload the video to YouTube / Vimeo / WeTransfer / Google Drive and send the link.
6. Contact details of referee (we'll only take these up if invited for interview)
7. Anything else about you you'd like us to know.

We can also accept a video or audio application of no more than 10 minutes in length in which you answer all of these questions. The format is flexible. Our team will support you with a format to suit your needs.

If you have any questions about your application, email hello@headwayarts.co.uk or call our admin office on: 01670351962

All the best!

Headway Arts understand disability as those as people who are neurodiverse, are learning disabled or who have a long term disabling physical or mental health condition. We particularly welcome applications from people from disadvantaged and working class backgrounds and others who are underrepresented in the workforce.

More Background

Over 30 years Headway Arts have championed and created a culture of equity and inclusion, advocated for and promoted quality best practice in inclusive arts and worked co-creatively with over 350,000 people. We have offered many of the North, UK and Europe's most accomplished and emerging socially engaged artists unrivalled opportunities to create, work, train, learn, grow and develop inclusive practice within local, national and international projects. The family tree has many buds and branches.

Headway Arts 'unique 'CoCreART methodology 'is at the heart - a people centred model applied across all art forms including: theatre, dance, circus, visual arts, writing, printmaking, outdoor arts, carnival, digital/multimedia installations, film and more! Always interested in new ideas, tech and developing artforms and are keen to hear from anyone who would like to get involved.

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