

LGBT History Month Scotland – LGBT Cultural Commissions Award 2016

With support from Creative Scotland, LGBT History Month Scotland will award two grants of £7,000 to support two artists to carry out a Commission in the area of LGBTI history in 2016 - 2017.

We're looking for artists to approach us with unique and inspiring proposals.

Key Themes

- **Innovation** - The Cultural Commissions Awards are about innovation. Innovation can include innovation in your own practice; you might want to explore a new art form, or a new way of working that you've never had the opportunity to try before.
- **Emerging artists** - This year, at least one Cultural Commission Award will be ring fenced for an emerging artist; this could include those that have not received more than £2,000 in development funding or for a single commission.
- **LGBTI History** – It is essential that the work focuses on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or intersex history and heritage. We envisage that the end result of the project will be the creation of a piece of work or works that are showcased during LGBT History Month Scotland in February 2017.

Who can apply

LGBT Youth Scotland/LGBT History Month Scotland is committed to equal opportunities and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

Applicants must be based in Scotland.

This residency is aimed at individuals but we would consider applications from collectives, companies or partnerships.

What you can apply for

The maximum that you can apply for is £7,000 for the development of the project. This should include your own fee for time spent researching and working on the project.

Where additional funding is required – to publish a book, for instance, or to put on a play that has been developed – applicants should demonstrate where existing funding has been secured, or where additional funding may be sought.

Applicants may plan the timeframe of their activity in whatever way they please, bearing in mind that Awards will be made in July, and a showcase must take place during LGBT History Month – February 2016.

The nature of this showcase can be decided once an award has been made, and may take the form of an artist's talk.

Opportunities

If successful, you will be asked to share your experience and expertise as part of at least two community events before, during or shortly after LGBT History Month 2017.

Criteria for assessment and decision-making

Our panel of judges – made up of artists, LGBTI community members and a representative from Creative Scotland – will select projects based on:

- how innovative and exciting your interpretation of this opportunity is
- how it addresses the theme of LGBTI history
- integrity – evidenced by your professional track record
- benefit and purpose – evidenced by the relevance of the proposal to your professional development and the likely benefits to you
- how you will structure, manage and deliver the project
- financial strength and value for money

Your project must not have started prior to application.

How to apply

Please fill in the application form on the LGBT History Month Scotland website, including:

- some information about you, your proposed project and how it would benefit you as an artist
- a plan for the proposed commission period including sharing/presentation points
- a budget that is appropriate to the proposal with a breakdown of costs (your own living expenses, materials etc.)
- a full CV
- an example or examples of your work

For the application form, please click here:

<https://lgbtyouth.wufoo.eu/forms/lgbt-history-month-cultural-commissions-award-2016/>

If you would prefer a paper copy of the application form, or have any questions about completing it, please email: michael.richardson@lgbtyouth.org.uk or call 0141 552 7425 (Monday – Wednesday).

Deadline for applications

Applications should reach us by 10.00am on Monday 20th June.

