



South Asian Participatory Arts Call-Out

Background

In 2018 Z-arts' audience development plans will have a focus on increasing our audiences with South Asian heritage. We want to ensure we're not only attracting families from these heritage groups but also that we are working with cultural representatives and local arts professionals whose practice reflects South Asian cultures.

Z-arts are particularly interested in artists who are working in the following disciplines:

- Digital Arts – (Audio & Visual, Apps and Gaming, Animation etc)
- Dance
- Music
- Visual & Textiles Arts
- Creative Writing & Story-telling

Given the nature of this call-out, we strongly welcome applications from South Asian artists or artists that have a connection to South Asian communities and culture, as well as:

- Experience of working with children and families (a current DBS certificate must be held by all applicants)
- Experience of working in community and education settings
- Excellence as an arts facilitator

If you think that you have an artistic vision that aligns with our aims and in the disciplines mentioned above, please **submit a one page proposal** of work that engages children and families through participation.

The **objective** is for families to participate and create together – either within Z-arts or representing Z-arts at a community outreach event.

Events we have done include:

- Family fun days at Z-arts
- Arts and crafts outreach activities at Manchester MELA / Diwali MELA
- Family engagement workshops at local schools
- Children's holiday activities in museums and galleries

The activity must be inspired by South Asian culture and heritage or demonstrate your understanding of this audience, e.g. non-English speaking families, sensitivity to religious and cultural beliefs.

You will need to explain and consider:

- An outline of what you intend to deliver
- Why you have chosen this activity – relevance and intended impact of the activity
- How the work will help to develop South Asian audiences

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- What resource, materials and space you would need for the work to take place

This will be a **paid opportunity** so please submit a **brief budget** as part of your proposal. We are looking for proposals that range from £0–£1,000 as we intend to programme a range of smaller events from September 2018 – to March 2019.

Along with the **one page proposal**, please also **submit your current CV** and **single page supporting letter** that explains why you wish to work with Z-arts and how you as an artist meet the criteria we have set out above.

Please submit these to yemi@z-arts.org by **Friday 27 April 2018**, and feel free to contact Yemi with any questions or queries ahead of submitting.

Once we review proposals, we will invite the selected artists to meet our creative team and advisory group, to discuss the ideas that will be commissioned.

If you need support with any elements of the application process, have any specific access needs for the application process or have any questions and would like an informal chat ahead of applying please contact Zoe 0161 226 1912 or email zoe@z-arts.org

Additional funding will be available for any access needs, please add as an additional budget line and contact Zoe on 0161 226 1912 or zoe@z-arts.org if you have any questions.

We look forward to hearing from you.