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Youth Activity Commissions

Applications Open: 20 March – 4 May
Panel questions: 7th May
Decisions: 4th June

CREATIVES CALL OUT!

Do you have a creative idea for a youth focused event or a workshop?

Gloucester Guildhall's Youth Advisory Board are opening a brand-new youth-curated commissioning pot for bold, creative ideas for their youth engagement programme, and we want to hear from you.

This is a chance to pitch something fresh and exciting that brings new young audiences 18-30 into the Guildhall to participate in the arts.

You don't need previous funding experience. We're looking to have a mix of professional artists/companies and aspiring local creatives who might be new to the scene or trying something for the first time.

Deadline is 4^h May 2026 12pm

Is this project right for you?

You can apply as a solo creator, group, collective or small organisation.

You can request any amount up to £1k, but we are running our year's programme on £3k so we are mainly looking for smaller projects.

Why apply?

- Funding for your creative idea
- Platform to test something new
- Chance to be part of Gloucester Guildhall's public programme
- Support and visibility
- Be championed by our Youth Board

Applicants must have:

- A bank account
- Ability to safely deliver their idea or clear on what support they need
- A clear plan and timeline
- A realistic budget

Deadline for submission: 4th May 12pm

We encourage ideas that are:

- **Suitable for participants that are:** 18 – 30 (with space for under 18 involvement if proper resource and a safeguarding plan is including in the application.)
- **Artforms:** Music, spoken word, dance, physical theatre, performance, multidisciplinary, hybrid (online/in-person), immersive/ interactive
- **Spaces available:** Studio, cinema, workshop rooms & the main hall (limited)
- **Ticketed or non-ticketed events**
- 'Must take place between **September 2026 - March 2027**
- Focused on **engagement & participation**
- **Inclusive & accessible**
- Realistic & deliverable
- Not already happening in Gloucester, or offer a **new twist**
- **Safe, respectful and welcoming** for all identities and backgrounds
- **Small** ideas that make **big impact**

Please note the programme will be curated around our large income-generating events and seasons

What are we not looking for?

We are *not* able to support:

- Standard gigs or comedy sets
- Religious or political promotion
- Anything discriminatory or unsafe
- Projects needing heavy producer intervention
- High-risk ideas without experience or safety plans

Want support from a youth leader?

We have a skilled & connected young team. They can support you in multiple ways as part of the programme e.g.

- Connecting you to young communities
- Extra pair of hands on the day
- Marketing
- Tech support

If extensive support beyond 1-2 hours is needed, you will need to budget for their support.

A list of the Youth Advisory Board's skills and rates is included [HERE](#)

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Application Guidance

Budget guidance

You can apply for *any amount up to £1k*, but we encourage:

- Small, achievable requests
- Clear & fair pay breakdown
- Consideration of access needs
- Simple, transparent budgeting
- Inclusion of ticket income if relevant

Useful links

Please see list of application questions [HERE](#)

Application form [HERE](#)

See budget template here: [BUDGET](#)

See Youth Advisory Boards skills and rates [HERE](#)

How the board likes to collaborate doc [HERE](#)

Safeguarding & Safety

You must consider how you will run your activity safely. Should you be successful you will be expected to supply a full risk assessment. We will provide a venue risk assessment and a risk assessment template.

If under 18s or vulnerable adults are involved, you will be expected to outline:

- Safeguarding considerations
- DBS status
- Highlight any key risks & mitigations

Gloucester Guildhall will review safety and feasibility before confirming any commission.

How to Apply

1. (Optional) Arrange a 20 min advice session or ask a question by 1st April (email: red.isaac@gloucester.gov.uk)

2. Fill out an online application [HERE](#)

The form will give you the option to tell us more about activity in whatever way that makes most sense to you, this can be in writing, audio or film.

3. You will be contacted following the closing date after the panel has reviewed your application.

Selection process

How will we choose the creatives?

- The selection panel may invite you to answer any clarification questions by email or phone before selecting the final programme.
- The panel will prioritise activities that are: **youth-focused, quality, participatory, safe & deliverable.**
- We will inform you of your outcome with any potential conditions recommended by the panel. This may include confirmation of any relevant permissions required; budget clarifications; and/or references.
- We aim to offer individual feedback for all applications however where this is not possible due to a high volume of applications, we will follow up all unsuccessful applications with an overview of the panel's thoughts across all applications.

Steps

What happens if your activity is chosen?

Step 1 - Agree a date

Step 2 - Sign a contract

Step 3 - Provide your plan, risk assessment & marketing assets for on-sale

Step 4 - Deliver

Step 5 - Complete an evaluation form

Rough Timeline

Activity	Date/s
Call out	20 th March
Closing date	4 th May 12pm
Clarification questions	7 May– 14 th May
Creatives selected	4 th June
Contracting	5 June – Mid June
Marketing assets and full plans received	22nd July
Programme launch	September 2026 – March 2027

The background of the image shows a crowd of people at a social event, with many individuals having their hands raised in the air. The scene is dimly lit with blue and red ambient lighting, creating a bokeh effect with out-of-focus lights. A large, semi-transparent blue and red geometric shape, resembling a stylized 'G' or a large letter, is overlaid on the crowd. The text 'GLOUCESTER GUILDHALL' is centered over the image in a white, bold, serif font. The word 'GLOUCESTER' is on the top line, and 'GUILDHALL' is on the bottom line, both in all caps.

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