

Horizon: Performance Created in England

Application Guidance Artist Bursary 2022

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1. ARTIST BURSARY 2022: WHAT IS IT?

Horizon's Artist Bursary is designed to support the development of artists and/or creative producers with **less than 10 years** professional experience and limited or no international experience working in the field of live performance.

The 2022 Horizon Artist Bursary is open to the following artists:

- artists or creative producers who identify as disabled / D/deaf /neurodivergent / with a long-term health issue or who experience energy limiting chronic illness,
- artists who identify as coming from a low socio economic / low income background.

To reduce form-filling labour, artists will be selected using a random number generator after an eligibility check (please see below for more details about how this will work).

Horizon Bursary Artists will be funded to attend the Horizon showcase in Edinburgh in August 2022 and will engage in Horizon's programme, including attending performances, participating in bespoke workshops, and taking part in networking opportunities. The Bursary programme is designed to provide access to industry focused conversations, peer learning, and international networks.

The Horizon Bursary Artists will exist as a cohort, so we are looking for a spirit of openness, and for applicants who demonstrate a willingness to engage openly and fully with this process.

Horizon seeks to challenge perceptions internationally of what live performance created in England might look like today - formally, thematically, representationally - and to showcase works and support artists/companies that can challenge perceived status quos.

We want to use Horizon as an opportunity to significantly rejuvenate and impact the existing ecology of the live performance sector across England and are looking to empower the next generation of artists and creative producers to help us achieve this. Horizon's key objective is to catalyse international touring opportunities and international conversations for artists based in England. We hope that this opportunity will equip artists and creative producers with the skills, knowledge and confidence to explore international working.

2. ARTIST BURSARY 2022: EXPECTATION AND OFFER

- Horizon will offer 8 Artist Bursaries to participate in Horizon's programmes at the Edinburgh Festivals from 22-28 August 2022.

Selected Artists will receive

- A payment of £575
- Complimentary tickets to Horizon performances at the Edinburgh Festivals in 2022
- Participation in a bespoke programme of networking, workshop and development opportunities
- Return land based travel to Edinburgh from a UK base
- Accommodation in Edinburgh for 7 nights. Each participant will have a private, lockable single room and bathroom. Kitchens and communal areas will be shared (or equivalent based on any access requirements)
- A per diem payment of £25.80/£18.20 for each day that you are in Edinburgh (amount depending on whether breakfast is included)
- Required access costs

Selected Artists will:

- You will attend the Horizon Showcase programme and ancillary programme of discussion, conversation and networking events as well as workshops and events developed for our Artist Bursary cohort, including information on how to best navigate the Edinburgh Festivals experience
- There will additionally be opportunities for mentoring with Horizon Artist Leads and opportunities to connect with counterparts from other UK showcases
- Exact details will be confirmed in July 2022

Access

The Horizon consortium is committed to being as accessible as we can be, and we take a care centered approach. Our priority is to create a space where everyone can bring their full selves, feel comfortable, and feel able to ask for any support we are not already offering.

We will always meet access requests with kindness and care, responding to individual needs to the best standards we can.

We actively encourage dialogue around specific access requests, we receive access riders positively and where possible, will offer support in creating them.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Artist Bursary opportunity is open to the following artists/creative producers, for whom we recognize that historically, there have been barriers to attending the Edinburgh Festivals :*

- 4 Bursary places are reserved for Artists/Creative Producers who identify as disabled / D/deaf /neurodivergent / with a long-term health issue or who experience energy limiting chronic illness.
- 4 Bursary places are reserved for Artists who identify as coming from a low socio-economic / low income background.

In addition, we will ensure that a minimum of 4 bursary places (out of the 8 available) are awarded to artists who are based outside of London

**N.B. we are aware that language is in flux and many different people choose to use many different terms. We are open to reflecting terms you wish to use.*

What do we mean by a low socio-economic background? *If you're from a low socio-economic background, you will most likely have been to state school, you might have received free school meals as a child or had a precarious household income when you were growing up. You might have grown up in the care system, been a young carer, or been the first in your family to go to university. Other terms people from a low socio-economic background might identify themselves with are working-class or benefit-class. These examples are, however, just that, and are not a set of eligibility criteria. Whilst there are social patterns, people experience barriers and disadvantages as individuals, so everyone's circumstances will have been, and continue to be, unique. Horizon recommends anyone who self-identifies with a low socio-economic background to apply.*

The selected artists/creative producers must additionally meet the following eligibility criteria:

- You are currently based in England (please note – you do not need to identify as English)
- Be a practicing artist or creative producer currently working in the field of live performance
- You have been working professionally in the field of live performance for **no more than 10 years** (you will be asked to submit an artist biography to evidence this)
- You have limited or no experience of working internationally
- You are available to travel to and stay in Edinburgh 22-28 August 2022.

Unfortunately, Horizon cannot support the following:

- Artists/producers currently in full time education
- Musicians/artists whose practice is solely music based (we do, however, welcome applications from artists whose live performance work has a strong sound or musical element.)

If you are unsure about your eligibility, please contact hello@horizonshowcase.uk before making your application.

4. THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications should be made through the Horizon [website](#) using our online form.

Once you begin your application, you are able to save and return to it before submitting.

Please note that artists who take part in our Artist Bursary Programme **will not** also be able to participate in our Live Presentation 2022 or Artist Residency 2022-23 Programmes.

Applications Close at Midnight on Monday 30th May 2022

Application Form

The Artist Bursary Application Form will ask you the following questions:

- Confirmation of Eligibility (Tick box)
- Name and Contact Details

Information about you

- A statement in which you introduce yourself, and outline why you believe the Horizon Artist Bursary will be useful for your professional development/creative practice. (up to 250 words or 2 minute video or voice recording)
- Upload an artist biography or CV

Access

- Do you have any access requirements? (e.g. require support workers, BSL interpreters, or other provision which is required to make participation accessible for you. We welcome access documents)

Equality & Diversity Monitoring

You will also be asked to complete our Equality & Diversity Monitoring Form

5. THE SELECTION PROCESS

In order to take a more inclusive approach to our selection process for this opportunity and to decrease the labour involved in completing a lengthy application form, we will be making the selection using a Random Number Generator.

We will be using a True Random Number Generator at [Random.org](https://www.random.org) which creates true random numbers based on atmospheric noise.

On receipt, all applications will be eligibility checked against the criteria above. All applications that meet the eligibility criteria will be entered into the random number generator and the applications will be re-ordered into a unique list of numbers. The applicants that appear at the top of the list will be awarded a bursary.

Two random lists will be created. One for applicants who identify as Disabled / D/deaf /neurodivergent / with a long-term health issue or who experience energy limiting chronic illness and a second one for applicants who identify as being from a low socio-economic background.

Individuals who have intersectional identities will be entered into both lists.

At least 2 bursary places from each randomly generated list will be reserved for artists based outside of London.

For more detail on exactly how this will work visit our [website](#).

6. HELP, FURTHER INFORMATION & ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

If you have any questions about the Artist Bursary Programme or your application, please contact hello@horizonshowcase.uk

Access

An Access Fund is available to those who require support to complete their applications. For details, email hello@horizonshowcase.uk with the subject heading 'Access Fund'