

Diverse Actions New Ideas Fund 2018

The Diverse Actions New Ideas Fund is a new commission to support and develop new performance at Cambridge Junction. The Diverse Actions New Ideas Fund is supported by Stobbs.

Stobbs is a Cambridge-based law firm specialising in intellectual property (IP). The support of Stobbs has enabled Cambridge Junction to create an initiative for new ideas and new work. This new joint commission will support a new project led by an artist(s) of colour with the intention to potentially present the work at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

About Diverse Actions

[Diverse Actions](#) is a three-year initiative, supported through Arts Council England's Ambition for Excellence fund, championing culturally diverse ambition, excellence and talent in Live Art.

Building on the existing work and practice within the Live Art sector but to enable a step-change and lasting impact, Diverse Actions responds to the following needs for artists of colour.

- Professional development opportunities that are fit-for-purpose and not formulaic or tokenistic.
- Longer-term and better resourced opportunities to develop and present high quality and ambitious work, and to build relationships with venues, festivals and presenters.
- Increased leadership by practitioners of colour to ensure legacy in the sector.
- Increased knowledge and visibility of Live Art and practices by artists of colour in the wider arts sector.

Supported by an [Arts Council England Ambition for Excellence grant](#), Diverse Actions is managed by Cambridge Junction on behalf of Live Art UK.

About the Diverse Actions New Ideas Fund

The Diverse Actions New Ideas Fund offers an artist or company the opportunity to develop and present work, above-and-beyond the opportunities currently offered by Cambridge Junction. The artistic focus for the Diverse Actions New Ideas Fund is to support new work being made in the field of Live Art.

The Diverse Actions New Ideas Fund commission is made up of:

- £10,000 commission fee (including all travel and accommodation).
- Two weeks of residency time (subject to availability) and space in J3 at Cambridge Junction including technical support.
- Advice and guidance from Cambridge Junction's Arts Producer, Artist Development Producer and Diverse Actions Project Manager.
- Opportunity to present a new work in our arts programme or at WATCH OUT or in Views From The 'Bridge.

Proposals

Proposals must be for new ideas and new work. We will consider projects at the start of their development or projects which have already undergone development and now need assistance to make the work performance-ready.

Cambridge Junction is seeking proposals for work which:

- Fits within the scope Live Art. A definition of Live Art can be found [here](#).
- Sits comfortably in Cambridge Junction's arts programme and has relevance for and is accessible to Cambridge Junction's audiences and the wider [LAUK network](#).
- Can be presented in J2 at Cambridge Junction and similar black-box studio spaces or be publicly sited.
- Has the potential to tour and to be presented at Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

The successful artist(s)/company will:

- Have demonstrated commitment to the exploration of new ideas through performance, in content and/or artistic form.
- Identify as an artist of colour.
- Have presented at least two professional works (outside of formal education).
- Be willing to undertake professional development opportunities (e.g. workshops for Troop members or the Junction Young Company).
- Have a plan/strategy for financing and managing their project including through co-commissioning and/or funding.

The Diverse Actions New Ideas Fund does **not** prioritise:

- Other forms of performance which do not fit in the scope of Live Art.
- Artists who are currently in formal education.
- Internationally located (non-UK resident) artist(s) or companies.

Cambridge Junction is committed to representing the diverse range of voices which make up the UK today. We welcome proposal from artists who are diverse and different, including those from culturally diverse backgrounds (Black and Minority Ethnic) and those who identify as disabled.

Financial assistance from the Diverse Actions New Ideas Fund can be included as cash match in other grant applications.

To apply

We are seeking expressions of interest (EOI) for support through the Diverse Actions New Ideas Fund. To apply you must complete an EOI form.

The form asks for information about:

- You and your work;
- Your plans and ambitions to make a new work; and
- How Cambridge Junction can help you realise your ambition.

Email your EOI form to daniel.kok@junction.co.uk by 12 noon on Deadline: Monday 3 December 2018. Selected applicants will be asked to complete a full proposal.

About Cambridge Junction

Cambridge Junction is the arts centre where art and tech meets life – a creative hub for people and ideas where audiences and artists explore, experience and are inspired by art, entertainment and learning.

We celebrate and nurture the intersection of the three strands of our programme:

- Arts development and presentation, with a focus on contemporary theatre and dance;
- Popular culture with a focus on live music, comedy and clubs; and
- Creative learning and skills development in the arts, using the organisation as a site for learning.

Located, twenty minutes' walk from the centre of the city, Cambridge Junction is the edgy urban arts centre where 100,000 people experience 350 events each year in our three spaces:

J1, a large versatile performance and social space with a standing capacity of 850;

J2, a 220 seat theatre; and

J3, a light-filled multipurpose space excellent for learning, rehearsal, residencies and talks.

During spring and autumn Cambridge Junction presents an arts programme which reflects the diverse experiences of the UK today and tells stories of the world relevant to the lives of our audiences. Our exploration of 'art and tech meets life' provides an excellent framework for content which reflects both political concerns and the everyday.

Our programme features a balance of physical theatre, theatre, dance, live art, circus, and spoken word. We present a rounded programme of work by local, regional, national and international artists and companies. We are committed to Interdisciplinarity and champion works which interrogate artistic form including event culture, utilise new technologies in performance and explore new forms of audience engagement.

Our presentation programme is underpinned by our commitment to the professional development of artists. Supporting artists through residencies is key to our talent development strategy and each year we offer a minimum of 26 residency weeks in our venue to artists to try out new ideas, develop new work and prepare for presentation. Each year we present WATCH OUT a festival of new work supported by Cambridge Junction through residency or commission.

Troop is our talent development programme which is building a contemporary performing arts community for Cambridge. Troop opportunities include workshops and masterclasses; showing work at Views From The 'Bribe our biannual platform for new work; residencies; and advice and guidance (including advice on writing grant applications) from our dedicated part-time member of staff.

About Stobbs

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The Diverse Actions New Ideas Fund at Cambridge Junction is made possible by a generous donation from Julius Stobbs.

To find out more about why Cambridge Junction needs your support please contact Clare O'Hara our Development Manager at clare.ohara@junction.co.uk.