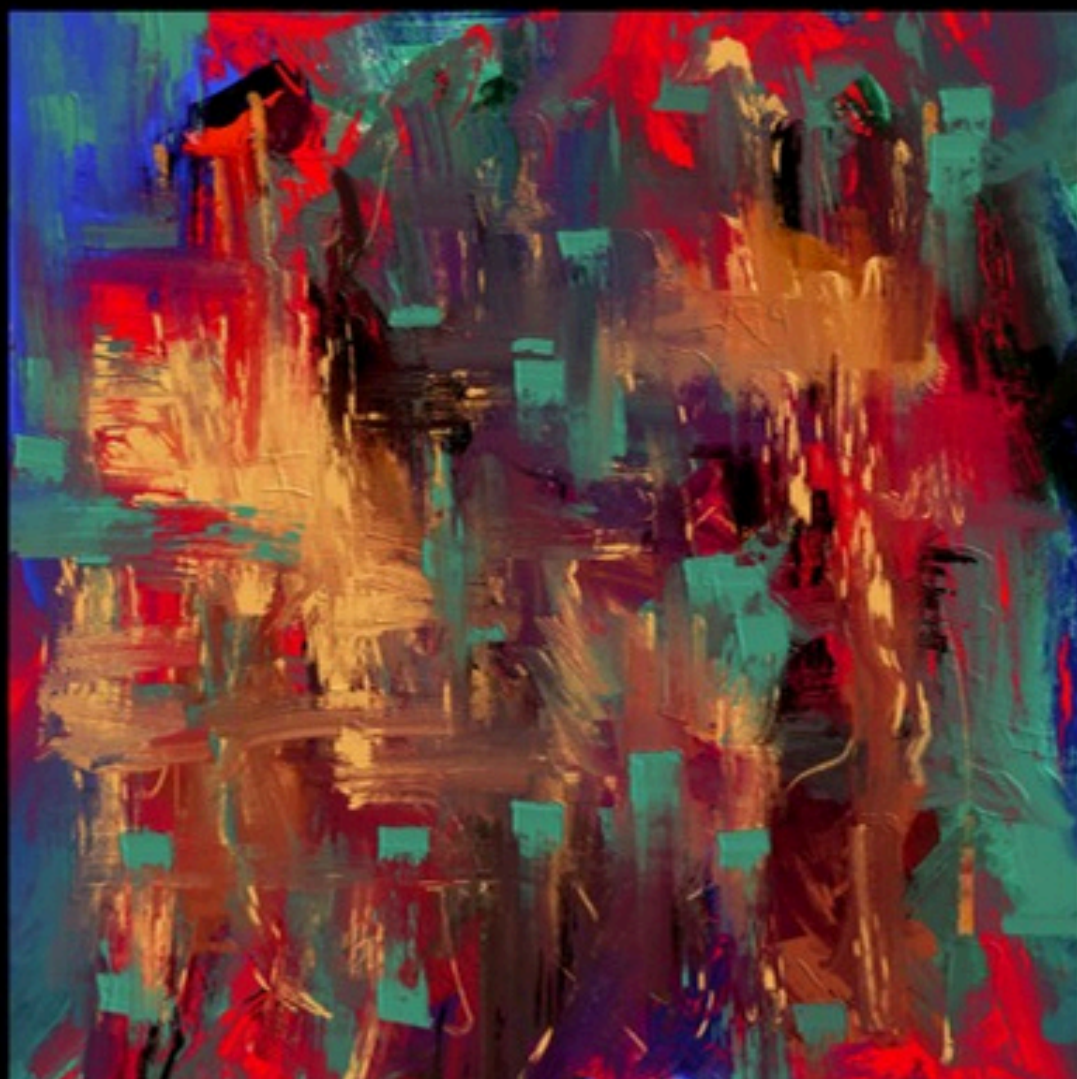


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ABOUT CREATIVE FUTURES

Are you aged between 16 - 25 and have a creative idea?

Building on the work of our in-house Youth Board, Creative Futures is a new project led by The Dukes. We're supporting two young people with the time, space, and funds to pursue a creative project of your choosing.

What will Youth Board: Creative Futures offer?

Creative Futures will allocate £500 for two young people's projects. We'll support you to plan and put together a budget that accounts for materials and other costs and provide free space for rehearsals, meetings or events.

We will also work with you to find a mentor, a creative professional who specialises in your area of interest. This is a chance for you to gain further support, advice and new industry contacts.

Creative Futures will run in bi-monthly sessions throughout term time. Starting in October, you will spend term 1 developing skills. Between January-June, you will develop your project, ending with an opportunity to share your work with other young people in June/July.



What could a creative project look like?

The Dukes is a theatre, cinema and gallery, however we welcome a range of creative ideas for activities, events and presentations. Poetry readings, knit-a-thon's, beat boxing workshops, dance performances, clay exhibitions, gigs or something we haven't even thought of - we want to give you the chance to express yourself in your own, unique way and offer you a platform to share or develop something for others.

The main thing we're looking for is something that the young people of Lancaster can engage with. So if you have an idea of how you can do that, in whatever form you like, then apply now!

Who can apply to Youth Board: Creative Futures?

We are looking for two motivated young people

This is targeted towards young people aged 16-25, no matter your education level or background. We strongly encourage candidates of all different backgrounds and identities to apply.

As this project is running between September and July, this also means that those living in Lancaster on a temporary basis (e.g. university students) are able - and encouraged - to apply

Deadline for applications is 13/10/25.



HOW TO APPLY

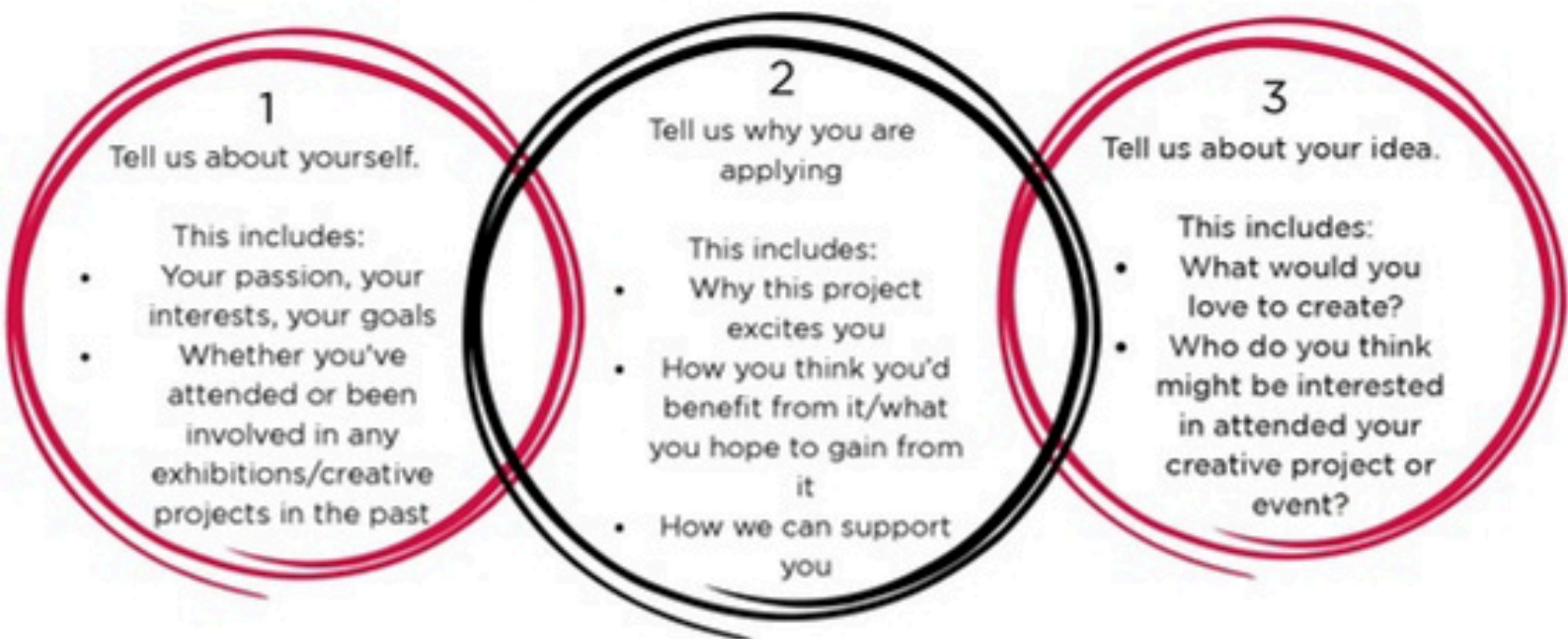
The application process is split into two stages.

STAGE ONE

Stage one is where we meet you, the creative.

Complete three questions that allow us to get to know you, your idea, your interests, and why you're applying for Creative Futures. These questions can be completed either in written, video, or audio format - 300 words/2 minutes for each.

You can also include up to three examples of your work. If you don't have any past examples, don't worry, we still want to hear from you!



STAGE TWO

Stage two is your chance to meet us and talk about your idea in detail.

If we think your idea can be achieved in budget and is something that we can support, we'll invite you in for a brew and a chat. This will be very informal and can be done online or in-person at a time during week commencing 20/10/25 (we will contact you to arrange a time if your idea is taken to stage 2). We will discuss:

- Your idea and what inspired this
- Who would you like to target to attend your creative project / event and how might you do this?
- Themes/keywords relevant to your piece
- What challenges you may face in your project
- What you may put the fund towards
- Anything new you may want to try



Please send your application to james@dukeslancaster.org

If you would like to apply for this opportunity but need support, feel free to reach out and we would be happy to assist you in your application.



MEMBERS BENEFITS

On top of the multiple things the Creative Futures programme offers, Members will also receive benefits such as:

- Be a Youth Voice for The Dukes
- Invitation to in-house events here at The Dukes
- Free access The Dukes' inspiring programme of theatre and cinema (subject to availability and certain exemptions)
- Free refreshments at Creative Future meetings

Creative Communities at The Dukes

Our Creative Communities team provide year-round creative engagement activities, no matter who you are, there are plenty of ways for you to get involved at The Dukes. Whether you're an older person, young person, artist, creative, maker, educator or place-shaper, we're sure you will find something that catches your eye. To find out more visit www.dukeslancaster.org

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