

## ***Collaborate: Artist Development at The Old Electric***

*The Old Electric* is Blackpool's newest, professional, producing theatre.

***Collaborate*** has been designed to support our vision of developing a strong, resilient, and skilled creative community in the town by providing the opportunity to create a new shared vocabulary around theatre-making.

Through ***Collaborate*** we hope to support our homegrown artists to build on their professional theatre-making skills, develop a deeper understanding of practice methodologies and the benefits of collaborative practice.

The programme will culminate in a celebration of sharings and scratch performances created by our selected artists in response to their learning, and the development of their craft throughout their time on ***Collaborate***. Following this celebration, we hope our artists will feel ready and prepared to take their next confident steps towards making new work and building sustainable, creative careers here, in Blackpool.

### ***APPLICANT CRITERIA:***

***The Old Electric*** is an inclusive space and as such, ***Collaborate*** is a programme of professional development opportunity that is open to anyone from any background regardless of disability, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief. All we ask is that you are:

- *An emerging or early career creative. Or a creative looking to take a change of direction with their practice*
- *At least 18 years of age*
- *Interested in working as a professional artist or advancing your professional performance or theatre-making career in Blackpool*
- *Interested in collaborative working and approaches to practice*

- *Willing to share your learning or work developed in response to **Collaborate** workshops in different ways such as scratch performances, rehearsed readings, public workshops etc.*
- *Living in an FY Postcode area (FY1 – FY8)*

*We are still happy to accept submissions from artists living in surrounding areas outside of Blackpool, but spaces for **Collaborate** workshops will be prioritised on this basis.*

## ***HOW TO APPLY***

### **Apply using our Google Forms:**

If you wish to express your interest in taking part in the **Collaborate** programme then please complete both the application form and monitoring forms below.

***Applications will close at 12pm on Friday 3rd June 2022.***

Application Form: <https://forms.gle/TQwq2UqdJTwPTDfV9>

Monitoring Form: <https://forms.gle/UYmsbr4V7keoz39g6>

### **Apply via recorded audio or video response:**

We are committed to improving access at *The Old Electric* and therefore we can happily receive responses via recorded audio or video via email, Dropbox, Google Drive or WeTransfer. You may also upload recorded audio or video responses to a private Vimeo or YouTube channel and email us the link along with your password.

Application Form - Recorded Audio Questions: <https://bit.ly/3EX9eWK>

Monitoring Form - Recorded Audio Questions: <https://bit.ly/3kpN9go>

Please ensure applications made by recorded audio or video are submitted to us at [collaborateartistdevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:collaborateartistdevelopment@gmail.com) no later than 12pm on Friday 3rd June 2022.

## ***Drop-in Sessions:***

If you would prefer to talk to us before making an application, we will be holding a series of **drop-in sessions** where you can visit *The Old Electric* to meet with a member of the team, find out more, ask any questions or discuss the kind of development opportunities that would be useful to you and your practice. These will take place on:

- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 12pm to 4pm
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 12pm to 4pm
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May from 12pm to 4pm

No appointment is necessary for these sessions, simply come along to *The Old Electric* during the session hours and a member of the team will be happy to chat with you.

You can find us at the following address:

***The Old Electric, 23 Springfield Road, Blackpool, Lancashire, FY1 1QW***

## ***APPLICATION TIMELINE:***

Applications open: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Applications close: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 12pm

Selection process and interviews (where applicable): Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Successful applicants contacted: by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Programme Launches: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at *The Old Electric*

Celebration Sharing's and Scratch Performances (where applicable) take place:

13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> October (**Final dates and times TBC**)