

Guidelines for Spoken Word Proposals

Hidden Door is looking for poetry and spoken word performances and projects to form the Spoken Word Programme at Hidden Door Festival 2020.

We are looking for projects which allow practitioners to push boundaries within their work and show a development of their practice in some way. We will also consider proposals to redevelop a previous project, or adapt a previous project to a new space.

Eligibility

- Open to poets and spoken word performers working individually or as a group or collective.
- Open to practitioners at any stage of their career. We welcome work from a wide range of people from students to more established practitioners.
- Open to practitioners living anywhere in the UK.
- We are looking for innovative proposals; projects which innovate or develop the practice of the performer or collective, or demonstrate an innovative approach. We are keen to display creative experimental conversation and writing, providing a safe space which is an accessible and welcoming platform.

How to Apply

Apply by completing this application form:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SpokenWordOpenCall/>

Please upload with up to 5 links to recent and previous work, plus examples or extracts if required as attachments to the form.

Please note that a crucial part of the selection process is based on the review of applicants' supporting material and as such we strongly encourage applicants to submit high-quality material where possible. Ensure all attached file names contain your name.

Application deadline: Monday 9th March 23:59

Selection Process

Proposals will be reviewed on the following criteria:

- Quality of proposal
- Quality of prior work, based on supporting material
- Proposal demonstrating the project will develop the applicant's practice
- Feasibility of project based on track record and other information submitted

A panel comprising members of the Hidden Door team and guest-selectors will conduct selection. Successful applicants will be notified by email by Thursday 2 April. Due to the volume of applications received, we are not able to give feedback on individual applications.

Fee

Hidden Door will provide a fee of £250 for each project selected, and will provide all technical requirements and technical support for the project. If there is a reasonable case for a project to receive a higher fee, e.g. if the project consists of several performances over several days, this should be indicated in the application and if Hidden Door wishes to select the project, the team will discuss the fee with you to ensure an amount is agreed by both parties before selection is confirmed.

Additional Information

- Because Hidden Door is currently in the process of looking at various options for the site for Hidden Door 2020, we would encourage applicants to submit a proposal that is flexible enough that it could potentially work in a variety of spaces, but also to check our website and social media regularly for updates as more information may become available before the application deadline pertaining to the space we will be using.
- If you have already submitted a proposal and more information is released that means that you would like to resubmit your proposal, you are able to submit a second, amended, or different proposal.

If you have further questions please email us at Hdspokenword@gmail.com

Making Hidden Door Happen

Hidden Door is organised and run by a team of around 60 volunteers who commit to making the festival happen in their spare time. As such, we run with the ethos that everyone involved is asked to pitch in however they feel comfortable to make the festival a success. We ask our contributors to help promote the event, sharing social media content, and helping with general publicity where they can. Specific requirements and arrangements for listing and promoting your show will be made available to selected projects as soon as possible after selection.

We also like our contributors to help by being a presence at the festival. Participating artists will receive a full access pass to the entire festival as well as guestlist passes and discount codes that will be confirmed closer to the festival.

Do get in touch at Hdspokenword@gmail.com if you have any further questions about the application process, or about Hidden Door generally.

Many thanks
Hidden Door Spoken Word Team