

## Outdoor Arts Seed Funding

OffSite invites artists and companies to apply for support for the research, development or the creation of new outdoor performance works. With this seed funding, we are looking to support Midlands based artists who are already working in, interested in or who are developing performances for outdoor arts.

The seed funding available is made up of funds from the Esmeé Fairbairn, Foundation & the OffSite partner organisations Déda, Derby Festé, Appetite, Birmingham Hippodrome & Wild Rumpus – Timber Festival.

We are looking to support projects with funding ranging from £1000 - £3000.

We are interested in supporting the following types of outdoor performance:

1. Small - midscale pieces that are in the early ideas stage and will be created ready for presentation in 2020
2. The research and development of new projects/productions/shows, which may not be realised until 2021/2022
3. Work that reflects & seeks to engage, the diverse landscape and communities of the Midlands
4. Projects from a variety of art-forms and disciplines.
5. A travel Bursary to support the lead artists to attend a regional/national/international outdoor networking event (usually alongside other OffSite artists and affiliate partners).

Each project selected will be assigned a lead partner from the OffSite affiliates, to help with further support over the course of the project timeline. The supported projects will also be considered for presentation at partner festivals/events throughout 2020.

Additional support maybe available to projects, including:

1. Rehearsal space
2. Marketing & audience development support
3. Producer support
4. Artistic mentoring

(PLEASE NOTE – the above is dependent on availability and affiliate organisations time constraints)

Artists/companies who are successful on the programme will be required to attend the following training programme (which is also open to the wider artist community of the midlands and nationally) along with a welcome meeting to introduce the supported artists and the affiliate partners on the programme:

### **Session 1 – Project Grant Surgeries**

DATE TBC February 2020  
Location TBC

### **Session 2 – Getting Your Work Scene**

DATE TBC March 2020  
Location TBC

### **Session 3 – The Nuts and Bolts of Outdoor Touring**

DATE TBC March 2020  
Location TBC

To apply, please do one of the following:

- Fill out the attached application form
- Complete a video application answering the questions outlined on the application form. No longer than 5 minutes.
- OffSite are willing to discuss other forms of applications, please feel free to contact Creative Producer Phil Hargreaves on the below to discuss further.

Please complete the above by **17:00 on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020** and send to Déda's Creative Producer Phil Hargreaves on the email address below starting the subject heading with "OffSite seed funding application...." followed by your name/organisation name/project name:

[p.hargreaves@deda.uk.com](mailto:p.hargreaves@deda.uk.com)

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Phil Hargreaves directly.

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#### **About OffSite:**

**Offsite** is a midlands artist development programme supporting the growth of outdoor arts in the region, created & managed by Déda, Derby.

The programme looks to create more opportunities locally for the outdoor sector offering a range of artist development opportunities including workshops, mentoring, ideas testing and go see visits. The programme seeks to increase the range of artists working in outdoor arts across the midlands & encourage more work from the midlands into national and international market places.

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