

## **Call-Out for Creative Ideas in Deptford!** **Albany Rebels Legacy Commission of £1000**

If you would like to talk about the information in this pack, or have any questions, please phone Linda: 020 8692 4446 (extension 266) or email [programming@thealbany.org.uk](mailto:programming@thealbany.org.uk). Please note that we may take a few days to respond so may not be able to get back to you on the day of the deadline.

This pack contains information about an opportunity for individuals, community groups or organisations, artists and companies. It includes:

- Information about the commission
- Details of how to apply
- What happens next?

The Albany is a performing arts centre in Deptford, South East London. We believe in involving people, through participation and partnerships, and are a hub for the arts and community. We present a huge range of events and opportunities each year, across artforms and for all ages.

### **Explanation of some important words and phrases in the pack:**

**Commission:** money and support given to a person or group of people to make a show, event, workshop or other piece of artistic work for a venue, which fulfils a set of criteria for the venue (for example: theme, length, style, location etc)

**Rebels:** this is the name of an 8 week season at the Albany, taking place 11 April – 1 June 2019.

**Match Funding:** Finding a 'matched' amount of money (in this case £1000) or more money from other sources, such as other organisations, Arts Council England, trusts and foundations, sponsorship from businesses, donations, or 'earned income' (which could be from ticket sales or even from bake sales and car boots!)

**We look forward to hearing from you.**

## **Information about the opportunity and what we are looking for:**

In Spring 2019, the Albany announced our Rebels Season, running from 11 April – 1 June 2019. The season is about politics, protest, breaking the mould and celebrating difference. We supported people to push boundaries and challenge what we might expect when they were making or pitching performances and projects for it. There were six new commissions as part of the Rebels season, which you can read more about here: <https://www.thealbany.org.uk/news/albany-rebels-commissions-announced>

**This commission** is called ‘Rebels Legacy’ because we want to continue supporting work of this nature, but would like to try a more open and democratic process for choosing who gets funded. We are a community-orientated arts organisation, so are putting our money where our mouth is and **committing £1000 to whichever project is voted for by our communities**. On 22 May 2019 there will be a FREE ‘Pitches and Pizza Party’ at the Albany, where the people who come will vote for which project they would like to see happen. Whichever project gets the most votes will get £1000, and then we’ll all eat pizza!

It is an experiment for us, and now we are looking for experiments from you. You can pitch anything you like – it could be a performance, a workshop, a fashion show, an exhibition, a gathering or talk, a party, a protest or something else entirely! It can take place at any time. It just needs to hit these criteria:

- It should be artistic or creative in some way, and should be open to the public and free or Pay-What-You-Decide.
- It should be relevant to the concerns and lives of people living in the local area, and there should be a commitment to connecting with local communities.
- It should link to the themes of politics, protest, breaking the mould and/or celebrating difference.
- It should take place at the Albany, Deptford Lounge, another location in Deptford, or outdoors. Please tell us in your application if you have a location in mind. The Albany and Deptford Lounge have several different spaces, more info here: <https://www.thealbany.org.uk/visit-our-venues/>

We appreciate £1000 is not a huge amount of money to get a project off the ground, so are looking for ideas which are achievable for this amount of money **or** projects that have or will seek match funding from other sources. The Albany can also help with rehearsal space, marketing and technical support if you need it.

The Albany building is fully accessible and we would be happy to discuss any access requirements at any stage of the process. There is a small access budget in addition to the £1000 available if needed.

### **Who Can Apply?**

People living in our local areas, particularly Deptford / Lewisham / South East London  
Community Groups  
Grassroots organisations  
Artists & companies  
Anybody really, as long as you can show commitment to engaging with the same communities we serve!

## **How to apply**

If you think this is an opportunity for you, please send us the following details:

- Your name, and the names of anyone you will be collaborating with (please note, you must ask their permission **before** applying).
- A short paragraph about you (for example: the sort of work you like to do or make, what inspires you, and some things you've made, run or performed before – these don't have to be shows, they could be other things like open days, workshops, parties, or protests! You can include links to videos, websites or portfolios if you would like to. **Please do not include a CV.**
- Your idea, clearly explained. If you would like to include a mood board, images, or links to other relevant work this is helpful for us to imagine what you are describing.
- A very basic idea of how you think you would use the money. Please also give an indication of any support that might be useful from the Albany or anywhere else, for example technical support or volunteers.

You can answer the questions in different ways:

1. In writing – you can write a document up to two pages of A4 long
2. By making a short video recorded on a mobile phone – you can record up to 5 minutes
3. By recording an audio file on a mobile phone – you can record up to 5 minutes

If you are applying using video, please upload to YouTube or Vimeo as private or unlisted, and send us the link. Remember to include the password, if there is one.

Send your application back with the document or with a link to the video or audio file either by email to [programming@thealbany.org.uk](mailto:programming@thealbany.org.uk) with the subject line: **REBELS LEGACY APPLICATION**

If you prefer, you can send your application by post to: Linda Bloomfield, The Albany, Douglas Way, Deptford, London SE8 4AG. Or drop it into our box office in person if you're local.

**The deadline for applications is 9am on Monday 13 May 2019. We will let you know whether or not you have been shortlisted by Friday 17 May 2019.**

**Please keep 7pm – 9pm free on Wednesday 22 May 2019, as this is when the Pitches and Pizza Party will take place, which you will need to attend if you are successfully shortlisted. **If you cannot attend this event, you will not be eligible this time.****

## **What happens next?**

When we have received your application we will contact you to let you know that we have received it. Your application will be reviewed by a panel of four people from the creative team at the Albany, who will select a shortlist of projects we will invite to the Pitches and Pizza Party. We will let you know whether or not you have been successful by Friday 17 May 2019.

This shortlist will be based on who best hits the criteria above, and not on which projects we personally think would work best, as we would like to leave this decision to the people who come to the 'Pitches and Pizza Party'.

If you are shortlisted, you will be invited to attend the 'Pitches and Pizza Party' on Wednesday 22 May 2019. We will send you all the information about what you need to prepare for this by Friday 17 May 2019, and will ask you if you have any access needs for the event. There will not be much to prepare, probably just a hand-out and a short speech of 2-3 minutes to tell people about your project, and then some time for people to ask questions.

We will let also let you know if you have not been successful this time, by Friday 17 May 2019.

Good luck!