

## Festival Submissions and Programme Opportunities

Margate Festival is looking for creative submissions to the festival programme from artists, producers, performers, technologists and innovators.

From installations to workshops, work can be fleeting or last for the duration of the festival. Successful submissions could be awarded a budget of £200 - £1500 to bring the idea to life.

Now in its fourth year, Margate Festival is an annual event that brings together fine art and the DIY together to create a diverse range of events that start at the seafront and ending deep in the heart of the town. Building on previous successes, this year the theme of the festival is 'Making a Change'.

You can view last year's festival programme at [www.margatefestival.org.uk](http://www.margatefestival.org.uk)

## Festival Theme

The theme for this year is 'Making a Change'. Things to consider include:

- **Place:** How creativity, culture and change can breathe new life and bring new energy into places
- **Community:** How art brings us together, irrespective of background and gives everyone a right to participate, debate or experience.
- **Activism:** Interrupting the day to day to affect positive change, create transformative experiences and draw people together under a shared belief.
- **Play your part:** Games and experiences that can draw people together

For some this may mean activism and be linked to the political, this may be a subtle influence in an environment or an intervention for another human but we're excited to receive proposals that consider this theme and how we engage audiences into a celebration of change right here on our doorstep.

### *Festival Launch*

*The festival launch this year will coincide with "Artgate" on 8 July 2017. "Artgate" is town-wide celebration as 4 Margate sites are transformed by 80 primary school children. The day will be the culmination of their 18-month journey with Turner Contemporary as part of the gallery's most ambitious learning programme to date, Art Inspiring Change.*

## The Audience

Broadly, Margate is host to a wide range of holiday-makers, families, diverse communities as well as people making their way to Margate for the first time and repeat visitors.

# Margate Festival 2017

We're looking to compile a programme that together, engages all of these diverse audiences and unites artists across the town. We'd also be interested to hear if you have a particular audience in mind and an interesting way of reaching them.

## Format considerations

- Festival dates are 8th July to 6th August
- Looking for self managed proposals with attached budgets of between £200 to £1500
- We would be open to events that would tie in with the launch event.
- Events and exhibitions focused between 11am and 5pm or evening events.
- Looking for exhibits, performances, workshops, happenings, installations during that time – can be daily times, drop-in or ticketed.
- Work can be fleeting, appearing just once in a single day, present itself over several days or exhibit over the month-long duration of the festival. Please consider the time period you feel fits best for the work to have its most effective impact.
- We will not be programming anything during the Ramsgate Festival between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 30th July) but would like to see proposals from artists that could be part of Ramsgate festival.

## Other Programme opportunities:

**Smart Programming and Resourcing:** If you have an event programmed in this period then get in touch to see if there's scope to include it in the festival and promote through the festival guide and online programme.

**Talks and Discussions:** We're open to discussing any programmes of talks and discussions either public or focused on information sharing with artists.

**Networking and meeting events:** if you currently host or hold networking events that do good for the town then let us know as we're happy to spread the word via the festival programme

**Open Studios and Meet the Makers:** We would love to be able to throw open the creativity of the town to visitors, if you are planning on hosting an event then get in touch to see how we can support.

## **Timelines, budgets and process:**

*Closing date for submissions is the 22nd May 5pm*

*Successful applicants will be notified by the 2nd June 2017*

Commissions successfully secured will need to return pro forma marketing information ASAP for inclusion within festival guide and online.

### **Budget:**

Indications would be budgets will be expected to range from £200 - £1500 including artists fees, materials and production costs.

### **Proposal submission process**

An outline proposal including format, timings, venue (if not secured then an indication of space required) not exceeding 750 words and include any links to your previous work by **22nd May** to [info@margatefestival.org](mailto:info@margatefestival.org)

## **Festival Partners:**

Margate Festival is a partnership between Festival Producers Threshold Studios, Kent County Council, Turner Contemporary and Dreamland Margate.

## **Contact:**

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