THE PLAYHOUSE

ARTITUDE

Climate/ Culture/ Circularity/

ARTIST CALL OUT COMMUNITY RESIDENCY

ARTIST BRIEF

INTRODUCTION:

The ***Artitude: Climate, Culture & Circularity*** project team is inviting applications from artists of any creative discipline to engage in two long-term, place-based community residencies in the Derry City and Strabane District Council Area, beginning in January 2027 and finishing in August 2027. This opportunity will best suit artists who have demonstrable experience in working with communities in a socially-engaged, co-designed way and who place climate justice and the circular economy at the heart of their creative ethos. Please see below for further details.

We are looking for two artists, one who will be working within the Outer North area of **Derry City (Carnhill, Galliagh, Shantallow) and one working within the Sperrin DEA (Artigarvan, Ballycolman, Dunnamanagh, Glenelly Valley, Park, Strabane North and Strabane West).**

About the Project

Artitude: Climate, Culture & Circularity is a partnership project led by ***The Playhouse*** in collaboration with ***Northern Ireland Resources Network (NIRN), Derry City and Strabane District Council and Repair and Share Foyle.*** Funded by the ***National Lottery Climate Action Fund UK***, the project harnesses the unique power of the arts and storytelling to engage communities in climate action.

The ***Artitude: Climate, Culture & Circularity*** project aims to work within place-based communities across the ***Derry City and Strabane District Council*** area, taking an artist-led, community co-designed approach to creative placemaking on climate issues & solutions.

To explore our previous work with communities, please visit www.artitudeproject.com and our social media spaces **@artitude.project**

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY RESIDENCIES

Artitude: Climate, Culture & Circularity is a project grounded in the belief that art has the power to bring people together in collective action to imagine new futures and create genuine, meaningful responses to the needs of our changing climate.

These community residencies will offer space and opportunity to make this belief a reality by creating a framework for connection, experimentation, exploration and creative process in collaboration with local residents.

The successful artists will be supported to work within and alongside communities in the Outer North area of Derry City, and the Sperrins District Electoral Area, exploring together the climate issues that are of most importance to the places they live in and the people they live with.

We are seeking to create spaces where people can come together in artistic collaboration to share their experience, knowledge, concerns, fears, hopes and solutions to the current climate crisis and work together to engage in dialogue, research, learning and connection to produce a creative response.

8-MONTH RESIDENCY WILL ALLOW ARTISTS TO:

- Spend time in research and development.
- Get to know and build relationships within their chosen place-based communities.
- Co-design and facilitate an arts-based engagement process that results in a meaningful, collaborative, community-led action.
- Spend time in post-delivery reflection and evaluation.
- Develop and be part of a peer support network with other artists and facilitators on the ***Artitude: Climate, Culture & Circularity*** project.
- Engage with all aspects of the ***Artitude: Climate, Culture & Circularity*** project, including NIRN's dissemination of toolkits, resources and case-studies based on the work undertaken in the residency.

ABOUT THE ARTIST: THE SUCCESFUL ARTIST WILL:

- Have demonstrable experience of working in collaborative co-design with communities.
- Have an interest in and preferably demonstrable experience of socially-engaged, collaborative arts practice.
- Place sustainability, climate justice and the circular economy at the heart of their practice.
- Have a justice-led approach to all aspects of their work, especially their engagement with communities.
- Be able to spend meaningful periods of time embedded within and traveling around the identified place-based communities in the Derry City and Strabane District Council Area throughout the 8 month period from January 2027 to August 2027.
- Be committed to accessible, inclusive and diverse practice.
- Be willing to participate in relevant training sessions provided by the ***Artitude: Climate, Culture & Circularity*** project.
- Be willing to contribute to the wider ***Artitude: Climate, Culture & Circularity*** team including collaborating with research, evaluation and resource development processes.
- Be willing to engage in peer support and solidarity sessions with other artists and creative facilitators working on the wider project.
- Be confident managing their time and allocated budget on a project of this size and length, and be able to show experience of this.
- Be available for regular check-ins with our Climate Engagement Officer.

HOW TO APPLY

Note on use of AI - please read before applying.

As an organisation, we are working towards an ethics based internal commitment to not using or accepting generative AI. As such, we strongly encourage you **not to use Chat GPT** or other similar **LLM** software to generate your application responses.

We would like to hear your authentic voice in your application, we don't mind if there are spelling mistakes or grammatical errors. We welcome short sentences. We welcome responses in bullet point format, if that is what works for your communication style.

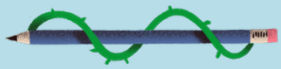
We also welcome video or voice notes in place of written responses. If you have ideas for any other formats that suit your access needs, please let us know, we are very open to whatever works for you.

In short, we would like your application to genuinely look and sound like you. If you have any concerns or would like information about further support, please get in touch via info@artitudeproject.com

TO APPLY.

Interested artists should apply via email to info@artitudeproject.com including the following in their application:

- A CV/history of artistic practice.
- A separate document or voice recording outlining 200 word (max) or 2 minute (max) responses to each of the following prompts:
    - Please tell us how you embrace sustainability, climate justice or the circular economy in your practice.
    - Please tell us your understanding of collaborative/socially-engaged art practice in a community setting, giving us clear examples from your own experience where possible.
    - Please tell us about how you have used co-design to explore a social justice issue on an arts-led project with communities in the past, giving us clear examples from your own experience where possible.
- Please include up to 3 examples (photo / video / audio) of artistic practice developed with communities to support your application.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The fee for this 8 month residency is £15,000*. Please respond with a budget breakdown and timeline for how you would ideally spend this money, accounting for the following:

    - Research and development.
    - Face to face creative facilitation and engagement with communities
    - Travel and day to day expenses.
    - Reflection, evaluation and reporting.
    - Regular project meetings with the wider Artitude: Climate, Culture & Circularity project team.
    - Peer support sessions and collaboration with other artists on the project.
    - Any events/showcases that may arise as a result of the creative engagement process.

Please note that we will be operating to the following rates of pay:

- ➔ Recent graduate/experience of less than 1 year: £190/€220 per day
- ➔ Artist with 3+ years of experience: £260/€300 per day
- ➔ Artist with 5+ years of experience: £310/€360 per day

Please design your budget taking this and your experience into account.

A separate materials and events budget will be provided and managed by The Playhouse, and costs related to venue hire and catering will be covered. Artists will have access to studio space and storage in The Playhouse building as needed and on request.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- **Applicant submission deadline**: 3pm, Monday 9th November
- **Shortlisting completed:** Monday 16th November
- **Online Interviews:** Friday 20th November & Monday 23rd November
- **Successful candidate notified:** Friday 27th November

It is expected that artists will begin their community research and development phase from January 2027.

Note
If you require this information in another format or if you would like to discuss any accessibility needs, please contact info@artitudeproject.com

We welcome and encourage applications from artists from marginalised and under-represented communities including Disabled, d/Deaf, Trans, BIPOC and Irish Traveller, Gypsy and Roma communities.