



INVITATION FOR CREATIVE PROPOSALS – ROCHDALE BOROUGH SPORT AND CULTURE AWARDS

Background: Link4Life, on behalf of Rochdale Borough Culture Network are inviting proposals from artists and arts organisations to develop an opening performance for the annual Rochdale Borough Sports and Culture Awards.

The Rochdale Borough Sports and Culture Awards take place at Middleton Arena on Wednesday 11th September 2019. The ceremony, which is hosted by Sue Devaney, shines a light on exemplary sporting and cultural achievement across the Borough. There are a total of 16 categories presented (see list at end of document) to an audience which includes nominees, dignitaries and sponsors.

Middleton Arena is Rochdale Boroughs premier live performance venue, boasting professional sound, lighting and staging facilities capable of supporting professional touring and in house productions. More information: <https://link4life.org/events-entertainment/middleton-arena> (Technical specification available on request).

Brief: Proposals are requested from artists or organisations living and/or working in Rochdale Borough for an opening act to be performed at the annual Rochdale Borough Sports and Culture Awards. The performance will be 3 minutes in length and must be of sufficiently high quality and production values to represent the ‘best’ of Rochdale on stage.

There are no limitations as to art form, concept or theme although those interested are encouraged to consider how to reflect the context of the awards which celebrates both culture and sports. As the opening and closing, bidders are encouraged to consider how to deliver performances which excite and build anticipation. We are looking for something to excite and instil a sense of pride in the nominees and attendees! Performances may be developed with community participation or by one or more experienced artists.

The successful artist/organisation/partnership will receive production support from the Link4Life Head of Programming and Events and Technical Manager and will be expected to liaise closely in the lead up to the event around content, production and technical issues to ensure high quality production values can be attained.

We are particularly keen for proposals which seek to reflect and celebrate the diversity of our communities in the Borough.

Eligibility: Submissions will be accepted from -

- Artists living/working in the Borough of Rochdale
- Arts and creative organisations located in the borough of Rochdale
- Artists living in Greater Manchester but working with Rochdale communities to create the performance

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Fee: £1,500 (inc VAT). Applicants will have access to standard stage, equipment and technical support at Middleton Arena however costs of hiring additional equipment or staffing must be met by the bidder.

Applicants may apply to other funding sources to supplement the fee should they wish but must be able to demonstrate the ability to deliver the commission without the additional funding should they be unsuccessful. Applicants that are reliant on unconfirmed funding from other sources are unlikely to be selected.

Submission of Proposals: Please provide a written proposal (no more than 1 side of A4) describing your artistic concept, how you plan to develop it and who you will work with. Please also provide a CV (artists) or organisational profile and details of any previous commissions to help us understand you and your work. You are welcome to submit up to 2 images online links of previous work should you wish.

Deadline for proposals – Midday, Friday 31st May 2019

Send completed proposals to Jonathan Higgins, Head of Events & Programming,
Jonathan.Higgins@link4life.org

Timescale:

- Invitation for Proposals opens - May 2019
- Deadline for proposals – Midday, Friday 31st May 2019
- Notification of successful bidder – Friday 7th June 2019
- Technical Rehearsal – Tuesday 10th September 2019
- Performance date – Wednesday September 11th 2019

Rochdale Borough Sports and Cultural Awards Categories:

Sports - Changing Lifestyle / Club of the Year / Commitment to PE & School Sport Award / Unsung Hero / Volunteer of the Year (opportunity for coaches to be represented in this category too) / Young Sports Achiever of the Year (rename 'young' and merge with disabled) / Workforce Advocate / Initiative of the Year

Culture - Artist of the Year / Community and Education Project Award / Cultural Champion Award / Cultural Event of the Year / Culture and Health Award / Facilitator of the Year / School Commitment to Arts, Heritage and Culture Award / Young Creative Award