



Luton

Background Information for Associate Artists and Trainees

**For applications to the associate artist and trainee
placement roles for People Power Passion**

March 2019

The Associate artists and trainees will be part of the Luton Council's skills-development programme as part of People Power Passion, Luton's Pilot Year of Culture. They will form a cohort and develop knowledge of the wider context of the programme which is detailed below.

People Power Passion: setting Luton alight

In 2019, Luton Council will collaborate with the people of Luton to deliver a series of arts events made by, with and for local residents. As part of our ambition to be named UK City of Culture in 2025, we are embarking on a pilot year of culture programme. Building on the themes of people power and community action and commemorating the centenary of the 1919 Luton Peace Day riots, a series of performances, events and artworks will reflect our diverse and vibrant communities. This is entitled People Power Passion and applicants are encouraged to review the People Power Passion [website](#) prior to applying.

Harnessing Momentum

[Harnessing Momentum](#) is Luton's strategy for the arts, cultural and creative industries in Luton 2017 – 2027 highlights the positive impact the arts can have on our places and spaces, skills and jobs, community cohesion and on our children and young people. This pilot programme will explore this impact whilst reaching audiences through ambitious, innovative and inclusive arts activity.

Luton's Peace Day Riots 1919

Applicants are encouraged to research the Luton Peace Day riots prior to responding to this commission. The Bedfordshire archives provide a [comprehensive summary here](#) and Where They Burned the Town Hall Down, a book by Dave Craddock, is a thorough exploration of the riots.

Luton in 1919

As part of our ambition to be named UK City of Culture in 2025 we have identified the following four themes as important to Luton: Voices, Journeys, Growth and Home. The commissioned project will explore these themes and consider how people power and community action are relevant to Luton today and to the town's journey over the past 100 years.

Luton Council is delivering People, Power, Passion as part of the Luton Investment Framework. Overseen by the Luton Investment Framework Partnership & Programme Manager, the Cultural Enabler will lead the delivery of People, Power, Passion supported by a Programme Producer, two Participation & Engagement Producers and an Arts Administration Apprentice (project team).

Contact details

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