

CONTACT

COMMUNITY SPACE HIRE

APPLICATION PROCESS

2023 - 2024



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CONTACT IS WHERE AUDIENCES COME TO BE CURIOUS

CONTACT IS WHERE THE NEXT GENERATION COME TO BE EMPOWERED

CONTACT IS WHERE MANCHESTER COMES TO BE TOGETHER

Contact is a multi-arts venue that invests in the next generation. A big part of this is partnering with other organisations, offering space in-kind to theatre companies and emerging artists, as well as creating lasting relationships which can benefit our local communities and young people.

In order to ensure fairness and equity, we have decided to bring in a new process of applying for this community space offer. We are looking to partner with projects and organisations which align with our ethos as a company. We are a sustainable organisation and we place young people at the heart of all that we do. We identify young people as being 11-30 year olds.



OUR VISION, MISSION & VALUES

VISION

Our Vision is a world where all young people are empowered by creativity and the arts.

MISSION

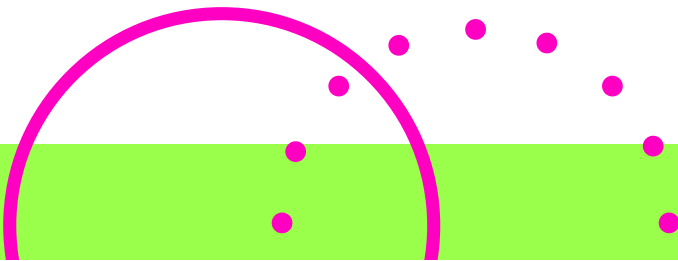
Our Mission is to change the face of UK culture.

From our sustainable creative building in Manchester, we do this by:

- Empowering young people from all backgrounds as creative leaders and agents of social change
- Supporting the next generation of artists and creatives
- Inspiring new audiences with stories and experiences that reflect our community

VALUES

- We take a young-person centred approach to decision-making
- We promote inclusion, access, understanding between communities, and a commitment to anti-racism
- We foster artistic excellence, integrity and creative risk-taking
- We nurture new artists, creative leaders and audiences
- We care for our health, each other and our community
- We care for our planet and environment, working towards a carbon neutral future



THE APPLICATION PROCESS


If you feel that your organisation's priorities align with ours, then we would love you to apply to partner with us and receive space in-kind to make your work happen. We are also keen to hear what you could offer to our community, such as workshops and opportunities for young people, staff training and artist development.

To apply, you can either write an application, or voice record/film yourself, covering the following areas:

- Outline your values and how you feel they align with Contact's.
- Tell us how you work with young people and local communities.
- Why do you want to work in partnership with Contact?
- What is it that you would want us to support you with?
- What do you feel that you could offer to us, to support us in achieving our mission?
- How do you make your work accessible?
- How are you striving to reduce your carbon footprint, in your work?

Written applications should be no more than 2 sides of A4. Audio/video recordings should be no more than 5 minutes in length.





Please send your applications to:

BETH RIGBY

(ENGAGEMENT MANAGER)

e: bethrigby@contactmcr.com

At Contact, we highly value the views of young people and they are at the heart of all of the decisions that we make. The panel making the decisions will include young people from our Re:Con young producers programme.

Application deadline
for partnerships
starting in March 2024:

**FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
2023**

We will be contacting
all applicants with our
final decision by:

**FRIDAY 17TH
NOVEMBER 2023**