Ilkley Literature Festival is the oldest, most prestigious literature festival in the North of England.

The main Festival runs for 17 days at the start of October and features over 240 events- including events for children and young people- across 20 venues for an audience of 25,000.

Our micro-commissions aim to:

* enable and support writers and artists based in the Northern region\* to collaborate, try something new, show new work which uses poetry/spoken word/creative writing in new and/or unusual spaces and develops their audiences.
* enable writers to collaborate with other artists- dancers, musicians, film makers, visual artists, actors, DJs etc.
* grow new audiences and increase access for people from a diverse range of backgrounds.

Previous commissions have included Poetography films by Kirsty Taylor and Amy Charles, a pop up Mushaira with poetry and music in a terrace house in Bradford, a piece exploring a Caribbean wake and a dance and spoken word event.

2 microcommissions are on offer:
-One is specifically for a project related in some way to Windrush and its resonances (this is one of the themes of this year’s Festival).
-The other is completely open.

\*We use the Arts Council definition of ‘Northern Region’ which is the North East, the North West (inc. Cheshire) and all areas of Yorkshire. We’re sorry but it does not include Lincolnshire or Nottinghamshire.

**Key Dates**

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| **Action** | **Date** |
| Deadline for applications | **Fri 25 May** |
| Applicants informed if successful | **1 June** |
| Marketing deadline for copy and images | **18 June** |
| Festival dates | **29 September-14 October 2018** |

**Your Idea**

We want to fund projects that explore new ways of creating or promoting poetry, fiction, non-fiction or spoken word in the Northern region. Your idea can be all about the word, or it can combine it with another art form/discipline.

When applying please do consider your intended audience – who is you project aimed at and how will they engage with it?

**Financial Support**

You will be able to apply for up to £500 to support your project. Funding will be given to artists based on the quality of their idea and will need to include installation and material costs if relevant; we can not fund accommodation, general overheads, parking and personal travel.

**Support from the Ilkley Literature Festival Team**

* Production advice and practical support, including technical support where suitable/relevant
* Health and Safety management
* Volunteer stewards
* PR and marketing

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| **Section 1 - Name & Contact Details** |
| Name of artist / organisation  |  |
| Contact name of lead person |  |
| Contact Mobile Telephone Number |  |
| Contact Email Address |  |
| Postal Address |  |
| Web address  |  |
| Social Media addresses |  |

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| **Section 2 – Your Idea** |
| **Your idea** *max 250 words* |
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| **We will provide you with a suitable venue in Ilkley unless you have a specific venue you want to use for your event. Please note we do NOT have a separate budget for venue hire for your piece.** |
| *Please tell us your intended space/venue.* |
| **Audiences** *max 100 words* |
| *Who is your project aimed at? How will they engage with it - can they participate, join in or interact with your proposed work?*  |
| **New work** *max 100 words* |
| *Has this piece been created specifically for Ilkley Literature Festival? Has this been performed before?* |
| **What kind of arts or creative projects have you been involved in before? Please give us a brief summary and/or attach a CV** *max 400 words* |
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| **Section 3: Requirements at Venues/Spaces** |
| **Please tell us if you have any technical requirements.** |
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| **Section 4: Finance** |
| **The maximum award is £500** |
| **Can your project take place without funding from Ilkley Literature Festival?**  | Yes | No |
| **If No, how much funding are you requesting?** | £ |
| **Funding budget breakdown**  |
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**By applying for a micro-commission you are committing to the following:**

* Your project/activity will be ready for Ilkley Literature Festival (28 Sep-14 Oct)
* You can provide evidence that the work is deliverable within the timescale of the programme and will be delivered on budget
* To support Ilkley Literature Festival’s marketing campaign, supplying copy and images as and when required and utilise social media and blogging as well as being available to give interviews to the press and media if and when needed

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please return your completed form and any additional supporting material by 5pm Fri 25 May 2018**

Email it to info@ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk with ‘Your name and ILF Micro-Commission’ in the subject line.