



2019 Micro-Commissions

Application Info for Writers & Artists

Ilkley Literature Festival is the longest-running literature festival in the North of England, and today is one of the largest. The festival runs for 17 days each October and features over 200 events, across 20 venues, attracting audiences in excess of 25,000.

Our micro-commissions aim to:

- Showcase new work by emerging/ mid-career writers from under-represented backgrounds based in the North of England (Yorkshire, North East and North West).
- enable writers to collaborate across artforms with other artists - dancers, musicians, film makers, visual artists, actors, etc. – to create new work.
- reach 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.

Two micro commissions are on offer. The successful applications will respond to one of the below 2019 programme themes:

- Poetry, Rebellion and Revolution
- World Changing Women
- From the Moon to Mars: Looking towards the next 50 years of scientific endeavour on the anniversary of the moon landing.

Key Dates

Action	Date
Deadline for applications	Tue 30 April
Successful applicants informed	1 June
Marketing deadline for copy and images	18 June
Festival dates	4 - 20 October 2019

Your Idea

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

When applying please do consider your intended audience – who is your 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 materials and staging costs (e.g. set dressing/props), if relevant.

Please note: ILF will cover the venue, event staffing and some basic technical costs for the October festival performance of the commissioned work. We cannot fund accommodation, general overheads, parking or personal travel costs.

Other ILF Support for the 2019 festival performance

- Production advice and practical support, including technical support where suitable/relevant
- Event management staff and volunteers
- PR and marketing

How to apply

Complete the application form ([Download here](#)) and return by email, along with any additional supporting material, no later than 12pm on Tue 30 April to recruitment@ilkleylitfest.org.uk

Please use 'Your name and ILF Micro-Commission' in the subject line.

Best of luck! We look forward to hearing from you.