



OPPORTUNITY

The NewBridge Project – Programme Committee

Deadline: Wednesday 2 October, midday

Stipend: £1000 per member, plus additional shared committee budget

We are looking for NewBridge Members to be part of our Programme Committee for 2019 - 20.

Members of the committee will work alongside The NewBridge Project staff over the course of a year, to research and develop their own curatorial ideas as part of our commissions, exhibition and events programme.

We believe in many voices being represented through NewBridge's programme and we work with a Committee to enable new narratives, methodologies and approaches to emerge across our programme. We aim to produce a programme that is; based around collaboration; responsive to our social, political, civic and environmental context; reflects the diversity of contemporary artistic practice.

We are keen to hear from enthusiastic members with all levels of experience, who are keen to work collectively to shape the programme at NewBridge.

FURTHER INFORMATION / BUDGET

The committee will support the production and curation of our public programme, and there is a programme budget in place to produce 3 gallery exhibitions, 2 offsite commissions and an events programme. We can also work with the committee to apply for additional funds to support activity.

As well as supporting the production of the programme or a project, you will have the opportunity to gain valuable experience through a programme of professional development and peer-to-peer learning with other committee members. The Committee will receive a shared **£1,500 Research and Development budget** to be spent on this activity, which could include field trips, workshops or crits with visiting curators.

We would like to emphasise that this is not a paid role, but an opportunity to collaborate with other artists and curators to produce an exciting, diverse and responsive programme with The NewBridge Project. It also acts as a hands-on professional development experience, providing individuals with the opportunity to gain experience in aspects of research, curation and programme management. **However, each member will receive a £1000 stipend to cover costs during their time on the Programme Committee.**

The NewBridge Committee is always evolving, and this Committee will decide how they want to work together as a group and with NewBridge staff, collectively developing guidelines around time commitment, professional development needs and their aims as a committee.

The Committee can work flexibly around peoples' other commitments, and there is additional budget to support access and childcare costs if this is required.

If you have any questions about anything get in touch with Niomi at n.fairweather@thenewbridgeproject.com

You can also read out [FAQs](#) which may answer any questions you have about the opportunity.

More information about NewBridge and our approach to our programming

We aim to deliver a programme that is truly artist-led, experimental in its approach, focussed on collaboration and community and responsive to the social, political and civic landscape that we exist in.

Below are some ongoing research themes, however, this is just a starting point, we want Committee members to contribute their own interests, research and ways of working to the group.

Summer 2020 will see The NewBridge Project reach its official 10th Birthday, an extraordinary milestone for our organisation. With this in mind, we would like to work closely with a Programme Committee through 2019 -20 to deliver a series of exhibitions, commissions and events that celebrate this and explore the current and future role of artists and artist-led spaces in cities that are changing physically and politically.

We want to programme things that enable us to critically think about the nature and future of artist-led spaces and self-organised activity, not just celebrating what we have done, but acknowledging the challenges and opportunities ahead, looking at what can be done better, and ensuring our programme is developed with integrity and is responsive to supporting artists at a time where establishing a career within the arts is more challenging than ever.

The Committee will also be invited to respond to ongoing research NewBridge has been doing with the Solidarity Economy Association, which aims to make visible and strengthen organisations, projects, initiatives and individuals in the region who offer an alternative to the extractive and oppressive mainstream economic system. Through this research we want to commission artists to work in experimental and collaborative ways with local communities, and to present radical new work in non-gallery settings.

How to apply

Please send a proposal outlining your interest in being a member of the Committee to Niomi Fairweather at applications@thenewbridgeproject.com with **Programme Committee Application** as the subject line, by **Wednesday 2 October, midday**

- Outline your interest/reasons for wanting to be part of the 2019 -20 Programme Committee
- Any initial ideas for a project/exhibition you'd be interested in pursuing e.g. artist/s that you would like to work with, or a specific research area or theme that you want to explore (these do not have to be fixed, confirmed or resolved, but will enable us to have a good understanding of your interests)
- Please include any initial ideas that relate to this reiteration of the Programme Committee and the approach to the exhibition/off-site commissions